ET's Home? Planet Orbits a Sun-Like Star

Astronomers Confirm Solar System Exists Just 40 Light Years From Earth

By Kathy Sawyer Washington Past Service

WASHINGTON - For the first time, astronomers have confirmed the discovery of a planet around a star similar to the sun.

The star, 51 Pegasus, is just 40 light years away from Earth and is visible to the naked eye in the northern hemi-

The long-awaited discovery of a planet in a system apparently similar to our solar system has made the fifth-magnitude star the focus of intense excitement among astronomers around the world as word spread this week that the findings had been independently verified.

The oewly discovered planet's nature is certainly not compatible with life as we know it. It is only 5 million miles from its star — one-twentieth the distance from the Earth to the sun where its temperatures are about 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit (almost 1,000 cend-

It is "literally skimming the surface of the star." said Paul Butler, a postdoctoral reseacher at the University of California at Berkeley.

The detection of a planet with at least half the mass of Jupiter (or about 160 times the mass of Earth) was first reported Oct, 6 at a meeting in Florence by Michel Mayor and Didier Queloz of the Geneva Observatory in Switzerland,

But the scientists remained skeptical because there had been a string of simi-

lar claims that failed to stand up to scrutiny. In the last decade, there have been several reported discoveries of planets orbiting stars elsewhere in the universe, most of which proved errone-

Until now, the only unshakable evidence of planets outside the solar system had been found in a system that is dramanically different from the sun's. That was the confirmation within the last three years of at least two planets orbiting a whirling dead star called a pulsar that, instead of light, emits a harrage of deadly invisible radiation.

The confirmation of the 51 Pegasus planet gives oew credence to theories that there are other earth-like worlds that could harbor life, said Geoffrey Marcy, professor of physics and astronomy at San Francisco State University,

whose team confirmed the discovery. "It's wild," he said. "I'm getting 60 or 70 e-mails per day from astronomers all

Last week, in four days of observations using the three-meter (10-foot) telescope at the Lick Observatory near San Jose, California, Mr. Marcy and Mr. Butler made independent measurements of the 51 Pegasus system.

They had never studied that star during their own years of searching for planets, they said, because it had been misclassified in a leading star catalogue. Then they heard about the Swiss team's

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Belgian Lawmakers Authorize Indictment

Vote Will Force Claes Out of NATO

By Tom Buerkle

BRUSSELS — The Belgian Parliament voted Thursday to lift the immunity of Willy Claes to face corruption charges before the country's highest court, a move that was expected to force Mr. Claes to resign Friday as secretary-general of

NATO.

The vote hy the Chamber of Representatives, the lower house of Parliament, endorsed the view of the high court that there were sufficient "indications of guilt" that Mr. Claes had committed corruption, fraud and forgery in connection with pay-ments made by two companies — Italy's Agusta and France's Dassault — in 1989 to win defense contracts.

Mr. Claes, who was Belgium's economics minister at the time, rejected the accu-sations as nothing less than a "political assassination" in a dramatic appeal to his former parliamentary colleagues on Thurs-

But the members deliberated barely an hour before voting, 97 to 52, to refer his case to the high court for prosecution, which is equivalent to an indictment.

A NATO official, quoted by Agence France-Presse and speaking on condition of anonymity, said Mr. Claes would resign Friday, summoning the ambassadors of the 16 NATO members to inform them of

The affair was uncovered by investiga-tors looking into the as-yet unsolved 1991 murder of André Cools, a former minister and leading figure in Belgium's French-speaking Socialist Party. The episode has dominated the Belgian political scene for nearly two years, forcing four former ministers to resign and apparently provoking the suicide of the former head of Belgium's air force in March, after news reports linked him to the scandal.

A resignatioo announcement will rock the alliance at a time when it can least afford it. NATO is working urgently to find ways to integrate Russian troops into a NATO-led peace force in the former

But alliance sources said it could take weeks to find a successor because of inter-nal opposition to the two leading candi-dates — Ruud Lobbers, a former Dutch prime minister, and Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, a former Danish foreign minister. van deo Broek, the Unioo's foreign affairs commissiooer, has mann-Jensen, the leader of Denmark's op-



Mr. Claes outside the Parliament after his appeal to lawmakers Thursday.

also been mentiooed as a possible candi-

Officials at NATO played down the rospect that a successor might be chosen this weekend, when many alliance foreign ministers and heads of government will gather in New York to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the United Nations.

Speculation has focused on Mr

position Liberal Party, and Mr. Luhbers, hut NATO sources did not exclude a dark horse because of potential opposition to

President Jacques Chirac has lashed out at the Danish government for its criticism of France's resumed nuclear testing, and he could veto Mr. Ellemann-Jensen in re-

failed bid for the presidency of the Europe-an Commission last year. Chancellor Helmut Kohl torpedoed that candidacy be-cause of Mr. Lubbers's hesitation toward German unification, and could do so again, sources said.

"There's going to be a lot of horse trad-ing," a NATO source said, "and these guys have sharp elbows."

Nevertheless, the negative consequences of a leadership stalemate at a time when the alliance faces crucial decisions on the policing of a Balkan peace agreement and enlargement into Eastern Europe led most NATO officials to predict a fairly swift agreement on a successor.

Mr. Claes's fate has been clouded by uncertainty since February, when he reversed previous denials and acknowledged having been told of offers of payments from Agusta. He has denied any wrongdoing, however, as have officials at Agusta

Corporate funding of political parties was both legal and a mainstay of the Socialists in the 1980s, but any payments aimed at influencing contracts would be illegal. In seeking to prosecute Mr. Clacs, the

high court acknowledged having only "in-dications of guilt" rather than hard evi-

Earlier Thursday, the lower house also voted to continue investigations into Guy Coeme, a former defense minister, in the

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Reuters reported from Brussels: Mr. Claes, 56, began his teoure as the NATO secretary-general with glowing ref-erences from his time as Belgium's foreign

His short period as NATO head has taken place at a time of unorecedented activity for the alliance and, though oever a popular figure, he has won praise for firmly steering NATO through a political and diplomatic minefield.

Mr. Claes, the eighth secretary-general since the alliance was created in 1949, oversaw NATO's policy of air strikes this year against the Bosnian Serhs, the first major combat operation by the alliance which won the Cold War without firing a

A stuhborn, hlunt politician, he has also worked hard to repair damaged relations with Russia, angered by NATO's plan to expand eastward, and to preserve unity in the face of deep differences with the Unit-

France Is Set to Join Pact On a Nuclear-Free Pacific But Tests Will Be Completed First

By Joseph Fitchett

PARIS — Io an initiative to hlunt Asian protests against its nuclear testing, France is preparing a commitment — along with the United States and Britain — to hooor the South Pacific as a ouclear-free zooe,
Western officials said Thursday.

The significance of the pledge lies in France's readiness to sign a treaty, presumably once its present series of tests in Polynesia has been completed, that would effectively halt any further work at the Pacific sites where Paris has carried out its and muclear tests for two decades.

President Jacques Chirac apparently intends to announce, possibly as early as Friday, French readiness to join the Pacific connuclear pact. The announcement could coincide with his arrival at the United Nations for ceremonies marking the orgamization's 50th anniversary.

French hopes for a theatrical effect at the gathering of world leaders were slightly poiled Thursday when oews about the impending announcement leaked in Wash-

In terms of French policy, the move changes little. Paris has already said that it intends to join a global treaty, expected to be ready next year, that would ban all nuclear blasts. It has also announced that it will permanently close its ouclear sites in French Polynesia when the current tests are completed, presumably next year.

But in making its announcement now, a French presidential aide said. "We are offering further evidence of France's vowed intentions of ending any and all testing once our arsenal is safe.

The South Pacific treaty protocols to be signed specifically ban testing, stockpiling or dumping nuclear materials - in addition to the use or stationing of nuclear weapons - in the Pacific Ocean south of the Equator. The area is bounded by Australia, Antarctica and South America.

But the United States, Britain and France would still be allowed to send nuclear-powered or nuclear-armed ships and

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But the public commitment by France and the two other Western nuclear powers is intended to underline all three govern-ments' commitment to reducing their nu-

clear weapons-related activities. The Clintoo administration signaled weeks ago that it was ready to reverse

aircraft through the zone. In any case, American nuclear weapons are oow accu-

rate enough to hit targets anywhere in the

Washington's loog-standing objections to the nuclear-free zone. By signing, an American official was quoted Thursday as saying, Washington hopes to prove its good faith to nations

that agreed this year to a permanent extension of the treaty against the spread of nuclear weapons. Mr. Chirac has more compelling motives for moving now and seizing the high-

profile UN event to offer a concession that may mollify the mounting chorus of complaints about his decision to order a final series of French tests on Mururoa and

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Nationalist Surge to Claim Yeltsin's Foreign Minister

By David Hoffman Washington Post Service

MOSCOW - President Boris N. Yeltsin served notice Thursday that he intended to replace Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev, whose pro-Western views have made him a target of criticism as Russia's political consensus drifts toward nationalism and isolation.

The decision to replace Mr. Kozyrev, foreign minister since 1990, not only reflects rising nationalist sentiment but also appears to be a defensive move by Mr. on Dec. 17 in which nationalists and Communists are expected to do well.

At a oews conference Thursday with American and Russian correspondents before his meeting Monday with President Bill Clinton, Mr. Yeltsin also acknowledged "some coolness" in the relationship with Washington, "especially after the cuphoria" that followed the Cold War.

Although he took pains to emphasize his good relationship with Mr. Clinton, Mr. Yeltsin stood fast on a series of recent about 7,000 sol disagreements between Russia and the settle for fewer.

Yeltsin before the parliamentary election United States, including on the command of Balkans peacekeeping forces, the bombing campaign against the Bosnian Serbs. the enlargement of the North Atlantic alliance and the sale of nuclear reactors to

> But Mr. Yeltsin, while asserting Russia's giohal importance, also conceded that there were practical limits on its role in the multinational force now being assembled for the Bosnia conflict. He said Russia could not afford the cost of a division of about 7,000 soldiers and would have to

70 minutes in Yekaterinsky Hall in the Kremlin, described the war in Chechnya, and the huge toll in human lives, as the "higgest disappointment I have felt in my term in office."

He added, "Perhaps something could

have been dooe better, how to say - you could have acted in a finer manner." No more troops will be sent to the seces-

sionist republic, he continued, expressing no remorse about fighting "real bandits" in Chechnya and insisting that his decisioo

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Bond Dealer Pleads Guilty, Says Daiwa Aided Cover-Up

NEW YORK — A former Daiwa Bank Ltd. bond trader pleaded guilty on Thursday to hiding losses of \$1.1 billion on unauthorized trades and said senior man-

agers at the Japanese bank had lied to the

U.S. Federal Reserve about his activities. The former trader, Toshihide Iguchi, appearing somber and younger than his 44 years at a federal court appearance in Manhattan, told a judge that he had agreed to cooperate with federal prosecutors in

He also said that Daiwa's senior manment had approved a further cover-up of his bond scheme as recently as last month, just before the bank informed U.S. regulators of the losses.

He said that after he first told senior management about the scheme in July, he was asked several days later "to continue concealing the losses.

In an explosive statement read to Judge Michael Mukasey in U.S. District Court, Mr. Iguchi said he had told Daiwa senior management that he would have to sell securities and forge additional bank statements to continue concealing the losses.

He told the judge that he received per-mission to proceed and sold securines in three different instances last month, shortly before Daiwa informed American regulators about Mr. Iguchi's 11 years of unauthorized trading.

Mr. Iguchi said that in addition to the

sales of securities management, he produced two fictioons bookkeeping statements with the knowledge of management. His statements were the first time that the senior management of Daiwa Bank, based in Osaka, was directly implicated for approving Mr. Iguchi's cover-up of losses

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ON THE WAY HOME — A girl carrying bread from a soup kitchen in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

AGENDA

Fears of New Serb Massacre in Bosnia

A Western diplomat said Thursday that his government feared that Bosnian Serbs backed by a Yngoslav paramilitary unit with close nes to President Slobo-dan Milosevic of Serbia had killed up to 2.000 Muslim men in northern Bosma in the last mooth. The diplomat spoke on the same day

that John Shattuck, the U.S. assistant secretary of state for human rights, said he had gathered evidence that "if confirmed, could very well lead to further indictments" of Bosnian Serbian leaders by the United Nations's war crimes tri-The accusations are surfacing as the

West prepares for another round of peace talks to end the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina and resolve a tense military stand-off in Croatia. (Page 7)

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By Michael Specter New York Times Service

TBILISI, Georgia - These are lonely days for the grim, white-haired man who runs Georgia. His dark green eyes stopped twinkling a long time ago. He shuffles when he walks, as if he were wearing leg irons.

In a way he is, for if anyone must bear the full weight of the burdensome freedoms that have descended on the countries of the former Soviet Union, it is Eduard A. Shevardnadze, the man who helped create the epoch he now must endure.

Lionized in the West for helping end the Cold War when he served as President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's foreign minister, he returned to this country of 5.5 million people three years ago, after the breakup of the nationalism.

Soviet Union, to find his newly independent nation convulsed by civil war.

Mr. Shevardnadze, 67, former leader of the Georgian Communist Party, acknowledged in a long interview here that he had no idea when he returned what

he was getting himself into. "I was aware that things were very difficult," he said, his face rigid at the memory of the time when Georgia seemed about to slip into anarchy. "But when got home, I could not even recognize my own people.

I felt as if I was dipped in boiling tar." Mr. Shevardnadze, who had grown used to meeting with presidents and dining with kings, quickly found himself trodding through muddy woods in combat boots and watching with horror as his young countrymen hacked one another to death in battles between forces loyal to him and those driven by extreme

Even now he lives wrapped in a paramilitary cocoon. After the latest attempt on his life - a car in theory at least, earns any money. bombing that wounded him in August as he was about to celebrate the passage of a constitution - the German government donated a new armor-plated

"I cannot believe there is a more tragic political figure in this world," said Keti Dolidze, a Georgian film maker who, like many intellectuals here, is an unofficial adviser to Mr. Shevardnadze, "He even looks like he belongs in a Shakespeare play. He had one of the century's great political lives. And here he is

The Georgian people are expressive and famously open, It would be hard to find a country with a higher percentage of writers, painters, film makers and musi-

cians. Cafés are always crowded, even though nobody,

Unlike the main streets in almost any other capital of a former Soviet republic, Rustaveli Prospekt, which rolls gracefully along the bank of the Kura River, is named after a poet, not a revolutionary.

People here spend their time talking about their leader and their future and their past. He makes them crazy because he is the symbol of all their hopes - and how hard they have been to realize. But there is little doubt that he will be elected president when he runs against five other candidates in November.

So if Mr. Shevardnadze has been punished by his cople, it has been in a special way, a Georgian way, Unlike the Russians, who cast Mr. Gorbachev upon

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More and More, Scots Think About Independence

By John Darnton New York Times Service

ERTH, Scotland - Michael Payne, a guide who knows just where to sink the hook to land a trout in a lake in the Highlands, peered off into the early morning Scottish mist while he pondered the question of independence from England.

Then he made his pronouncement: "We've got all the resources up here, oil, gas, salmon, whisky. England takes from us and doesn't give us anything back. We'd be better off

Mr. Payne is not alone. In the last few years, sentiment for independence for Scotland has grown by leaps and bounds, after rising in the mid-1970s and then tapering off in the

It can be seen in public opinion polls, which show nearly one-third of Scotland's 5.1 million people backing independence and twohirds saying they regard themselves as Scot-tish rather than British. Both figures are up

from a decade ago.

It can be seen in the rise of militant groups, like Settlers' Watch or the Scottish National Liberation Army or Flame. They advocate terrorism, like burning the homes of English who move to Scotland, but so far have rarely gone beyond the harassment of death threats and hoax letter bombs.

Still, the police are concerned. And last month, a Labor politician, George Robertson, who would be secretary for Scotland if a Labor government came to power, warned in a memo about "the darker side of national-

Finally, the new nationalist sentiment can be seen in rising support for the Scottish National Party, the political party advocating independence. It won a critical off-year election this summer in Perth and Kinross, ousting a Tory member of Parliament in what had been a die-hard Tory district.

'I don't try to predict the future, but things are clearly accelerating towards indepen-dence," said Alex Salmond, 40, an economist who heads the Scottish National Party. "I'm not going to put an exact time scale on it, but I would hope by the turn of the century, the new millennium, that Scotland will have made substantial progress in that direction."

Wales, which together with Scotland, Northern Ireland and England makes up the United Kingdom, is also seeing rising na-

The Scottish National Party is not as strong as it was in the mid-70s. In 1974 the party elected 11 members to Parliameot, and it now has 4. It runs far behind the dominant Labor Party, which has a strong base in the industrial strongholds of Glasgow and Edinburgh and holds 49 of Scotland's 72 seats in the national Parliament at Westminster. (Amoog the remaining seats, Conservatives have 10 and the Liberal Democrats have 9).

Labor's strategy for keeping its hold is to promise a devolution of power, through a local parliament that would have certain limited powers, most of them oow wielded by the Scottish Office, but also including the power to raise or lower taxes within a margin of 3 percentage points of the amount set in Lon-

Prime Minister John Major has denounced Labor's devolution as "teenage madness" and something that would increase taxes, which he derides as a "tartan tax." The Conservative Party under Mr. Major takes the

By Kevin Murphy

HONG KONG - The latest

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Alex Salmond, second from left, hopes Scotland "will have made substantial progress" toward independence by 2000.

unionist line and warns that a breakup would

be tragic for the entire United Kingdom. But Labor's pledge is popular. About 52 percent of people in Scotland like the idea of having their own assembly with some taxatioo and spending powers, according to a survey in May by the polling concern Market and Opinioo Research International.

The pledge also has the advantage of Labor's throwing opponents off balance. The Scottish National Party conference held last month in this highland city was split between those, like Mr. Salmond, who thought a local parliament could be exploited as a stepping stooe toward independence, and those like Jim Mitchell, a councilor from Renfrew, who deoounced it as "a sellout, a never-ending parrot cry, a compromise between liberty and subjugation and a wishy-washy insult to the Scot-

It is oot just Scottish nationalist members who see a day when Scotland, which vol-untarily merged its Parliament with England's in 1707, a century after the crowns were united, will break away, dissolving Britain. The winds of nationalism blowing in from Europe and elsewhere are causing people to reassess the core of their loyalty and their identity.

"The most noticeable feature of Scottish life over the past 20 years is the diminutioo of the sense of being British," said Alan Massey, a freelance political columnist who writes for The Scotsman. "I doo't want independence. I'm oot in favor of it. But I believe it's likely within 20 years."

He cited the reasons for it. "First, the loss of empire. Scotland always thought itself to be an equal partner in the empire. That was satisfying. Then, the general decline of Britain. If you're a junior partner in a declining enterprise, that's oot an effective posicion to be

'And finally, there's the fact that we now have access to the Londoo-dominated media. Every time an Englishman on television says England when he means Britain, even a unionist Scot bridles."

ost of Scotland's traditional industries, like shiphuilding, went into terminal decline in the 1970s. just as the North Sea oil was discovered. The recession of the early 1980s hit Scotland particularly hard, but now many of its oew industries, electronics, tourism and financial services, have raised employment higher than in many other parts of Britain.

The nationalism that soared in the mid-1970s culminated in a 1979 referendum oo a separate legislature. Although a majority of those who voted were in favor, the measure failed because the turnout fell short of 40 percent of the registered electorate. This time around, the sentiment for loos-

ening the covenant with England seems to

come from economic confidence rather than economic depression and a conviction that Scotland might fare better on its own. The mood is fed by the sense that membership in the European Union could provide some ecocomic security while giving vent to national sovereignty, and by grievances that

Mr. Salmond, the Scottish National Party head, insists that membership in the European Union dilutes the economic argument. "The

have piled up during 16 years of Conservative

classic case for unionism was that Scotland needed to be in the United Kingdom to get access to the English market. Now the market for Scotland is not 5 million Scots or about 60 million people in the United Kingdom, it is 380 million to 400 million people in the European Union. We don't need to be in a union with England to have access to that markerplace.

The argument over whether Scotland would benefit economically if it were to strike out on its own falls rapidly into a battle of accountants and researchers.

In the long run, though, emotion and not cold financial logic is likely to have a stronger determinate effect on what happens, along with events far from these shores. Scotland is closely following developments in Canada to see if Quebec votes to break away, which would aid its separatist movement.

And strangely enough, Hollywood is playing a role in the resurgeoce of nationalism. Every night in Perth and other cities and towns throughout the country, Mel Gibson races across the screen as the 13th-century Scottish folkloric hero William Wallace, his face painted warrior's blue as he strikes a martyr's blow for freedom against the perfidious En-

In some theaters where the Gibson movie 'Braveheart' is playing, the audience crupts in cheers. The Scottish oationalists, distributing leaflets outside theaters, sign people up on the way out.

"We got nine oew members just last night," said Mae Sanderson-Brown from Elderslie. The movie may have a few historical inaccuracies, she acknowledged, adding with a sigh, "But, ah, it does stir the blood."

New York Braces For UN Gathering

City Scrambles to Provide Security for 180 Leaders

By James Barron New York Times Service

of more than 180 nations trailed by aides, bodyguards and reporters from back home -are descending on New York City for the 50th anniversary of the United Nations. The official gathering, which starts Sunday morning, will be the largest such event in history.

From a police training ground where officers drilled with mock demonstrators and fake hand grenades, to vestpocket parks where protesters set up camp, the city has begun to gear up for a period of high security, heavy traffic and an astonishing parade of digni-taries — including President Jiang Zemin of China; President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia, President Fidel Castro of Cuba and the Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

City officials declared a gridlock alert for Manhattan from Saturday through Tuesday, sination warning that the UN gathering Ethiopia.

will close many more streets and could create more traffic bottlenecks than the visit of NEW YORK - The leaders Pope John Paul II two weeks

Already, more than 3,000 federal agents from the Secret Service and the FBI have converged on the city. "Every country has their problems." said one FB1 official, who spoke on conditioo of anonymity. "Every one of these countries has a potencial group that is out of favor with the govern-

A round-the-clock command center was set up at the FBI's office in lower Manhattan, and dozens of agents from other domestic units were reassigned to track possible threats against the visiting leaders.

Federal law enforcement of-

ficials said they were particularly concerned about Mr. Arafat, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel and the Egypdan presideot, Hosni Mubarak. who barely escaped an assassination attempt recently in

TRAVEL UPDATE

Spain Pilots Call November Strikes

MADRID (AP) — The Spanish airlines pilots association on Thursday called eight 24-hour strikes for November in a protest against management at the ailing state airline Iberia.

But a spokesman for the association conceded that the strikes set for Nov. 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13 and 14 would probably have little effect. Under a government mediation regulation, 80 percent to 90 percent of the pilots will have to work anyway.

The association says Iberia's management has not kept its end of a bargain in carrying out a restructuring. The European Commission has refused to allow a capital injection without the restructuring.

German Rail Punctuality Slipping

HAMBURG (AFP) — German express trains have been running increasingly late since unification in 1990, with only 69 percent of trains arriving on schedule, a television report said Thursday.

The statistics on Intercity train service in July came from Deutsche Bahn, united Germany's railway company. In July 1994, 76 perceot of Intercity trains were on time, while 85 percer? were punctual in July 1993.

French Unions Pondering Walkout

PARIS (AFP) - French unions are considering a natioowide protest action—possibly a general strike—oext month to protest planned cuts in social security, a union official said Thursday.

The official, Louis Vianner, president of the General Labor Confederation, or CGT, said he was contacting his counterparts at other unions. 'The CGT believes that labor unions must join together to consider a strong interprofessional action on a national scale in mid-November," he said.

The start of a three-day strike hy Italian journalists over the pace of wage talks shut down broadcast and print news operations

Iri Maruki Dies, Painted The 'Hiroshima Panels'

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches started its war with the United TOKYO — Iri Maruki, a States. When the bomb explod-

tack on Thursday. He was 94. With his wife, Toshi, Mr. Maruki devoted his life to painting the "Hiroshima Panels" for which the couple received the International Peace Cultural Award in 1952.

The 15 panels, painted on rice paper on a set of folding screens, each two meters (about six feet) high and seven meters long, show a surreal view of victims under an atomic "mushroom cloud."

Born in Hiroshima, Mr.

painter who won world renown ed on Hiroshima, the couple was for his panels depicting the af- in Tokyo, hiding from air raids termath of the U.S. bombing of on the capital. Mr. Maruki re-Hiroshima, died of a heart atthe bombing on Aug. 6, 1945, which killed 140,000 people. 8 V

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Shocked by the horrors of the bombing, the couple devoted themselves for nearly 40 years to painting the panels. They were seen by millions of people when there were few photographs of the tragedy because of military censorship.

Mr. Maruki, who became widely known for his anti-war and ano-nuclear messages, also depicted the battle of Okinawa and the massacre of Chinese Maruki met his wife-to-be in civilians by Japanese soldiers in Tokyo in 1941 when Japan Nanking. (Reuters, AP) Nanking.



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their place, Mr. Brown and his hosts established a public bon-Mr. Brown's strong emphahomie that suggests Pres sis on commercial issues and a friendly, flattering personal

NEWS ANALYSIS

Hong Kong on Thursday with ident Bill Clinton and his Chi-American and Chinese officials nese counterpart, Jiang Zemin, ing in New York on Tuesday spherics over substantive than many analysts expected a few days ago.

of deals. This time, oo major treatment in Beijing. "And new contracts appeared but no they've done a lot to set a pos-

will have a less strained meet-

"They've done everything they could to show that Ron April 1994, Mr. Brown and a Brown is someone they can deal with," a senior American official said of Mr. Brown's

A host of complex problems still divide Beijing and Washington, ootably Taiwan, the spread of nuclear arms, trade and human rights. They were apparently dis-cussed but without U.S. lec-

tures or threats of retaliation for perceived Chinese transgres-Mr. Jiang again voiced Beiing's indignation at Washing-

style play well in most places in China, where local custom re-

quires such pleasantries even

when serious problems rumble

beneath the surface of relatioo-

And, unlike other American

officials who have traveled to

security-related problems, Mr.

Beijing was muted and polite.

unofficial visit. China believes the move broke the spirit of earlier agreements on relations with Taiwan.

Mr. Brown, speaking in Hong Kong on Thursday, said he had repeated the U.S. po-sioon that it had not changed its 'one-China policy' in which it recognizes Beijing, not Taipei.
"I think that is an issue that will soon be behind us," he

China in recent years to talk about trade, human rights or He saved his strongest rhetoric on China until after he left Beijing. Speaking in Hong Kong, he cited the growing Chi-nese trade surplus with the Unit-ed States, which could reach \$40 Brown's public criticism of

billion by the end of the year, persistent enforcement problems in protecting intellectual property and serious barriers to U.S. trade and investment.

"We have been very frustrated by the slow progress that has been made," Mr. Brown said of stalled approval for five contracted power plant projects, which made up the bulk of his \$6 billion in deals struck in

new controversies either. In iove tone for the Jiang-Clinton to visit the United States on an 1994. "Not a single major private power project has come to statements suggested that it was fruioon in China and that is just up to Beijing, not Washington, up to Beijing, not Washington, unacceptable. '
He also criticized protection-

ist Chinese laws that give local companies what Mr. Brown called an unfair advantage over foreign exporters and investors. He described protection of international property rights as "spotty — it has to be improved."

At the same time, however, Mr. Brown sounded far more conciliatory on the continuing dispute over China's membership in the World Trade Organization.

The two sides differ on how to measure China's economic development, a key factor in determining how much the country must open up to qualify for WTO membership.

"We have to find ways to deal with the realities of China at this stage in its development," Mr. Brown said Thursday. "It's a unique situation. It will require some give and

itive and fruitful one, conducive to promoting the gradual improvement and development of Chinese-U.S. relations." As Mr. Brown said in Hong Kong: "Clearly there are differences of opinion. But I think they will be discussed in a positive spirit that lonks forward to a much improved relation-

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China responded to the be-

havior of a well-mannered

President Jiang met Mr. Brown in a special room for

foreign dignitaries he had not

used before. According to the

Commerce Secretary, this ges-ture was a symbol of respect for

the visitor and a sign of Mr. Jiang's growing confidence as

China's leader as the Deng Xi-

In Beijing on Thursday, a

spokesman for the Foreign

Ministry, Chen Jian, described

Mr. Brown's visit as "a pos-

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From Clinton, Confession on Taxes

WASHINGTON — An offhand confession by President Bill Clinton that he had raised taxes "too much" in his first budget in 1993 drew immediate mockery from congressional Republicans. And angry Democrats accused him of repudiating a package that they had stuck their necks out to pass without a single Republican vote.

Speaking at a command fund spicer in Houston Mr. Clinton

Speaking at a campaign fund-raiser in Houston, Mr. Clinton said: "Probably there are people in this room still mad at me at that hudget because you think I raised your taxes too much. It might surprise you to know that I think I raised them

too much, too," The president, who took office promising both a tax cut for the middle-class and higher taxes for the wealthiest Americans, deferred the tax cut in favor of further reducing the federal hudget deficit. In the speech Tuesday, he seemed to hlame hoth Democrats and Republicans for forcing his hand, although he defended his decision as "the right thing to do."

After the remarks caused a small furor on Capitol Hill the next day, the White House said that they were being taken out of context. But members of both parties in Congress, debating Republican plans for tax cuts that Clinton bitterly opposes as

too deep, saw no such suhtleties.
The chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Representative Bill Archer of Texas, said that Mr. Clinton had "finally come up with at least a half truth when he says he raised taxes too much; the full truth is he shouldn't have raised taxes at all,"

Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Democrat of New York, who helped steer Mr. Clinton's proposal through the Senate Finance Committee, said the 1993 budget's deficit reduction had improved the economy and was something to be proud

of.
"He keeps conceding these things," Mr. Moynihan said.
"He doesn't understand that he's conceding the principles."
(NYT)

Powell Leads in New Hampshire

WASHINGTON — New Hampshirites who say they are likely to vote in their state's Republican presidential primary favor General Colin L. Powell over Senator Boh Dole and the other announced contenders, according to a new poll. New Hampshire is traditionally the nation's first presidential primary than the contenders.

mary, often setting the tone for the campaign.

The survey, conducted by Chris Potholm, who has run a polling operation at Bowdoin College in Maine for two decades, found Mr. Powell drawing 34 percent, compared with 25 percent for Mr. Powell drawing 34 percent, who has not an and 16 percent undecided. If Mr. Powell, who has not appropried a candidacy is excluded from the race Mr. Pole announced a candidacy, is excluded from the race, Mr. Dole leads with 35 percent.

The poll, of 300 voters, was conducted the last week in September. The margin of sampling error was plus or minus six percentage points.

Well-Heeled Candidate Runs Well

WILMINGTON, Delaware - When he launched his presidential bid 27 days ago, the little-known Malcolm S. Forbes Jr. had one underiable asset -a grand ability to write checks

He has poured an extraordinary \$1.5 million into television advertisements since then and surprised those who chuckled at the notion of a somewhat-awkward millionaire publisher making his first try for elective office,

"He's getting to be a household name very quickly," said John Stahile, the state's Republican chairman, "His message seems to be gaining momentum," Mr. Stahile added, "If he spends a lot of time here and puts together a staff, I think he's got an opportunity to change the playing field."

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Louis Farrakhan, the Nation of Islam leader, at a press conference in Washington: "We intend to be a force in the

Away From Politics

 A federal judge has ruled that Buffalo, New York, schools have been successfully integrated, closing a 23-year-old dis-crimination case and granting the Board of Education complete control over maintaining racial balance.

· Fearing possible extinction of the monarch butterfly, Canada has followed Mexico in designating reserves for the migratory insects, conservation officials said. (Reuters) · A witness in the Oklahoma City bombing case has told the

authorities that the principal suspect, Timothy McVeigh. showed him a truck-bomb diagram and asked for his help in testing explosives for the attack, a Dallas newspaper reported.

 Alligators rouned flooded residential streets and yards after up to 20 inches (51 centimeters) of rain fell in 24 hours in parts of southern Florida. Hundreds of people on both coasts of the region were evacuated as waters rose as much to 3 feet (90 centimeters) into homes and up to 5 feet in streets. • The Los Angeles Times will resume publication of its Washington edition, the editor of the daily announced. The edition was discontinued during a cost-cutting drive last

FBI Chief Promises to Punish a Any Misconduct at Standoff

WASHINGTON — The FBI director, Louis J. Freeh, prom-

arrector, Louis J. Freen, promised Thursday to deal "swiftly and decisively" with any misconduct in the deadly standoff at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, in 1992.

Five top FBI officials, including the former deputy discount learn Botto are prodes rector, Larry Potts, are under suspension amid a federal criminal investigation of the destruction of Ruby Ridge docu-

ments at FBI headquarters.

The incident arose in a standoff with a white separatist, Randy Weaver. An FBI sniper shot Mr. Weaver's wife, Vicki, on Aug. 22, 1992, as she stood hehind the cabin door holding her infant daughter.

A day earlier, the Weavers' 14-year-old son, Sam, and a deputy U.S. marshal, William Degan, died in a gunfight as federal agents scouted Mr. Weaver's property.

House Approves Medicare Reform

Clinton Vows Veto, Saying Bill Will 'Eviscerate' Health Care

WASHINGTON — Ignoring a threatened veto, the House approved a plan Thursday to overhaul Medicare by increasing premiums for the elderly and the disabled and th

shaving billions from hospital

and doctor fees.

The vote, 231 to 201, closely followed party lines, with only six Republicans deserting the majority. It gave the House speaker, Newt Gingrich, Republican of Georgia, the victory to had foregast to exist the he had forecast to revise the federal health insurance pro-gram for 37 million people who are elderly or disabled. Representative Bill Archer,

Republican of Texas, boasted that the Republican Party's
"lifesaving legislative surgery"
would save Medicare for today's retirees and the next gencration. Mr. Archer, the Ways and Means Committee chairman, called it "a great and historic occasion."

Representative Sam Gihbons. Democrat of Florida, called it "another day of infa-my" that will result in Ameri-ca's elderly being "herded into managed care."

Before the votes were cast, President Bill Clinton warned that the Republican plan to save \$270 billion from Medicare over seven years "will evis-cerate the health care system for

our older Americans."
"I will not let you destroy
Medicare, and I will veto this
bill," the president said.

and tonk steps to make health care fraud a criminal offense. Those moves were made to min-imize defections from their Medicare Preservation Act, the central plank of their plan to balance the federal budget by The Republicans said their

belt-tightening measures would buy eight years of life for the Medicare hospital fund, now in danger of drying up by 2002. They acknowledged that more will need to be done to keep Medicare going beyond 2011, when the first of the bahy boomers retire. boomers retire. On a day when the Senate

Finance Committee approved the \$245 hillion Republican tax cut, Democrats charged that the Republicans were paying for that move by cutting Medicare three times deeper than neces-

The House minority leader, Richard A. Gephardt, Democrat of Missouri, said the Republicans would "live to regret this vote at the ballot box in November of next year." Mr. Gingrich said on an ABC

news program that the Republi-Medicare, and I will veto this bill," the president said.

A key Republican, Representative Thomas J. Bliley Jr. of Usersian and Strain and Str Virginia, suggested a compro-mise might be possible before counts.



NONALIGNED LEADERS MEET - President Ernesto Samper of Columbia, left, greeting Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan and President Fidel Castro of Cuba at the Nonaligned Summit Conference in Colombia.

Senate Drops Strong New Steps on Cuba

By Helen Dewar

WASHINGTON - Senate Republican leaders have dropped the toughest and most contentious provision of a hill to tighten U.S. sanctions on Cuha, hlaming what the majority leader, Boh Dole, called a "hlitz" of opposition from the White

Only a shell of its former self, the "Li-bertad" bill was put on track for Senate

The retreat amounted to a victory for President Bill Clinton in his test of wills over foreign policy with Mr. Dole, front-running candidate for the Republican presidential nomination and co-sponsor of the sanctions hill.

But the fight is far from over, Mr. Dole and others said they would try to restore some or all of the contested provision in conference with the House, which included the language last month in its substantially tougher version of the hill.

The provision, which Mr. Dole described as the heart of the legislation, tries.

would have allowed U.S. citizens whose Cuhan property has been confiscated even if they were not American cittiens at the time — to sue foreign companies that huy, lease or use these properties.

Proponents said the provision would help loosen Fidel Castro's hold on Cuba by drying up foreign investment. Foes said it would vinlate legal precedents, flood U.S. courts with costly litigation, invite retaliation against U.S. companies and discriminate against naturalized Americans who lost property in fleeing other coun-

Panel Urges a Shift: Oral Polio Vaccine to Injections

By David Brown Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — A panel of experts has recommended that the United States begin a slow transition away from oral polio vaccine to the less risky, but less effective, injected polio

This new strategy would climinate about half of the 8 to 10 cases of polio caused by the oral vaccine each year in the United States. It might, however, infection ever reappear in America.

The last case of "wild" polio in the

Western Hemisphere occurred in Peru weakened virus - given in a few drops aroused pediatricians and public paralysis each year is worth the risk curred two years later among members of an unvaccinated religious sect in Alberta, Canada, but that virus was imported from the Netherlands by other members of the sect and did not spread to the general population.

The Pan American Health Organization last year declared the disease eradicated in the Americas.

Polio virus usually causes mild or symptom-free infection. In some cases, vever, it destroys nerve cells in the more vulnerable to polio, should the spinal cord, causing permanent weakness or paralysis.

in August 1991. A small outbreak oc- of sugar water - to stimulate immunity against the disease. In roughly one of every 2.4 million doses administered, the weakened virus undergoes mutation and reverts to its dangerous form, causing polio. Of the few cases of polio recorded each year in the United States, all are caused by the

> The older form of polio vaccine employs killed virus and must be injected, not drunk. Some experts believe it is slightly less effective than the oral

health physicians. Proponents of keeping the oral vac-

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Proponents of keeping the oral vaccine say that polio — still found in parts of Asia — is "only an airplane flight away" from the American population. They argue that the most effective vaccine should he used until the disease is eradicated worldwide, a goal that may be achieved hy 2000.

Further, they say, the addition of two to three more shots in childhood will inevitahly result in fewer children being immunized.

The advisory committee on immunization practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention took a compromise position Wednesday. It recommended a transitional phase in which children would get two doses of injected vaccine, followed by two doses of oral vaccine. Giving the immunizations in that order would reduce the number of vaccine-induced polio cases by 50 to 75 percent.

Eventually, the country should

polio cases by 50 to 75 percent.

Eventually, the country should move to the injected vaccine only, the spinal cord, causing permanent weakness or paralysis.

The debate over which vaccine to say they believe that it provides sufficient immunity and that preventing for changing the immunization system epidemics in the United States has even a few cases of vaccine-induced has not yet been drawn up.

Clinton, Treading Lightly, Steps Forward on the Race Issue

By Jack Nelson and Paul Richter Los Angeles Times Service

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton, seeking ways to capitalize on momentum from the "Million Man March," is considering holding a White House conference on race relations and appointing a hlue-rihbon commission to study the problem, according to presidential aides.

Black leaders have appealed to Mr. Clinton to appoint such a commission to address the march's unmistakable message a moving appeal for new approaches to dealing with the desperate plight of black males. The idea quickly drew support from Republicans as well as House

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bled on the Washington Mall in the name of atonement and personal responsibility was also to build on the momentum of the positive aspects of the march."

Some Democrats suggested voters by moving too forcefully on the issue, "Anything that disalienating middle class white verts us from our task of recondenses."

Democratic suggested voters by moving too forcefully on the hroad middle class is a big mistake," said one verts us from our task of recondenses.

tinged with caution. At the White House and elsewhere in Washington, political strategists are aware that, while the challenges of crime, poverty, drugs and family disintegration among hlacks are deadly scrious, they are also politically explosive — especially for Democrats, whose long identification with blacks and other minorities has alienated some white voters.

As a result, the White House chose its words carefully in discussing a high-profile confer-

"A lot of different ideas have

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been put forward and a White House conference is one of the possibilities, but the president is reserving judgment for now on exactly what to do," said Michael McCurry, the White House spokesman. "He wants

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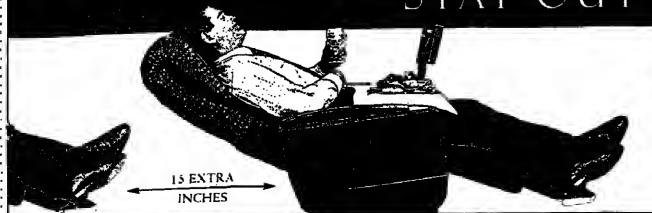
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Rights and any laws 'modified 1997," he said. unilaterally by the British ad-ministration to bring them in ernor of Hong Kong, warned unilaterally" by the British ad-Kong reverts to Chinese rule.

The Chinese Foreign Minsaid the British authorities be- speak up for it. lieved the Bill of Rights "can Hong Kong' and had therefore tal importance of the rule of law 'unilaterally made some major will stand up for it,' he said. changes and modifications of a

violated the Chinese-British Joint Declaration and the Basic Law," he said, referring to the mini-constitution for the

"China does not recognize the laws modified unilaterally nificantly after 1997. by the British Hong Kong

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches the right to review the laws and bill and eliminate its connection the Bill of Rights." in accorton to the International Covenant review Hong Kong's Bill of lations of the Basic Law after

line with the colooy's consti- Thursday that any move to tamtution after 1997, when Hong per with the Bill of Rights would do "immeasurable damage" to Hong Kong. He called istry spokesman, Chen Jian, for Hong Kong residents to

"I just hope that everybody take primacy over other laws in who believes in that fundamen-

changes and modifications of a "There's plenty that people lot of existing laws in Hong can do about it," Mr. Patten said. "People can make their views on the subject clear.'

The Preliminary Working Committee — a panel appoint-ed by the Chinese government to prepare for the colony's handover — has recommended amending the Bill of Rights sig-

The changes would repeal a provisioo that requires Hong Kong laws to cooform with the

day confirmed its intention to dance with the relevant regu- on Civil and Political Rights.

The proposals drew instant condemnation from humanrights groups and politicians in Hong Kong, who expressed new concern that China might renege on its promise to grant a high degree of autonomy to the ter-

Mr. Patten's administration conteods that the laws dovetail

Speaking before he left on a 10-day trip to Britain, Mr. Patten said the proposals announced Tuesday would undermine the rule of law in post-

1997 Hong Kong. Once you embark on a very slippery slope like this one, you fetch up in a situation in which you don't have the rule of law protecting individuals and businesses, and that would be a desperately bad thing for Hong Kong," he said. "We are very worried, and I very much hope that wiser counsels will pre-

liminary Working Committee's legal sub-group are subject to approval by the full committee, whose chairman is Foreign Minister Qian Qichen of Chi-

Mr. Qian visited London earlier this month for talks with his British counterpart, Malcolm Rifkind, that resulted in a breakthrough agreement on consultations before 1997.

Mr. Patten told business leaders in a speech that the proposals could only upset confidence in Hong Kong.

'Don't underestimate the damage done here and abroad every time, for example, that those who advise China give the impression that come 1997. the protection of Hong Kong's freedom and way of life is going to be dismantled," he as-

Mr. Patten said he intended to discuss the issue with Prime Minister John Major and Mr. Rifkind on his third trip to London this year.

Kabul Forces Retreat In Clash With Taleban

KABUL — The Afghan government acknowledged Thursday that a counter-offensive against the Taleban militia south of Kabul had failed.

A government spokesman said that forces loyal to President Burhanuddin Rabbani had fallen back to earlier positions.

Independent witnesses said the Khairabad hills, which overlook southern Kabul, were still in the hands of the Taleban, whose fighters have vowed to capture the Afghan capital.

Ex-Japan Leader Plays Down Spying

TOKYO - Former Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa shrugged off claims that the CIA had eavesdropped on his trade envoy during his tenure, according to a report in a Japanese daily on Thurs-

day.
"This is not welcome, but many countries are using all means available to protect their national interest, and you just have to be careful," the daily Asahi Shimbun quoted him as saying Thurs-

Mr. Hosokawa said be did not think the spying had affected Japan's 1994 negotiations with the United States on access to Japan's markets for U.S. automobiles and parts.

Activists Urge Jiang To Release Dissidents

BEUING -- Twelve Chinese activists have appealed to President Jiang Zemin, on the eve of his trip to the United States, to release all political prisoners.

Bill Clinton.

The letter, sent Wednesday to Mr. Jiang and Qiao Shi, chairman of the legislature, noted that this year is also the 47th anniversary of the International Declaration of Human Rights. It said the continued imprisonment of dissidents in China is a violation of that document. which China has signed.

Murayama Weighs New Laws on Cults

TOKYO — Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama said Thursday that he may call for specific laws against cult-related

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Zhihong Wang, wife of the jailed Chinese dissident Chen Zeming, in Beijing after asking world leaders Thursday to intervene in his behalf. The dissident is on a hunger strike.

crimes, following the March gas attack on the Tokyo subway allegedly carried out

by the Aum Shinrikyo sect.
"We will further look into the current activities of religious cults," Mr. Murayama was quoted by government of-Mr. Jiang was to leave for New York ficials as saying. "If necessary, we may over the weekeed to join in activities have to think of new legislation" against crimes by cults, he said. Mr. Murayama ed Nations. He is to address the inter- made the remarks after meeting lawmaknational body and meet with President ers from both ruling and opposition parties, who called on the government to increase step up efforts to crack down on

Aum Shinrikyo members have been charged with murder in connection with the nerve gas attack in the Tokyo subway on March 20 that killed 11 people and injured 5,500. Japan has become a haven for sects, which get tax breaks and are heavily protected by a law governing

Bangladesh Violence Leaves 45 Injured

DHAKA, Bangladesh — Bombs ex- American friends, not ignored." (WP)

ploded across Dhaka and at least 45 police and strikers were injured in clashes Thursday as an anti-government general strike in Bangladesh entered a tense finale. The fighting crupted as Prime Minister Khalida Zia again rejected opposition demands that she resign so new elections could be held.

Homemade bombs went off in several parts of the capital. Four policemen were wounded when picketers hurled bombs at them in the Maghbazar district in clashes that also left 16 strikers hurt.

Another 25 people were injured in the southeastern port of Chittagong when opposition Awami Lengue supporters clashed with those of the governing Bangladesh Nationalist Party. Witnesses said the Nationalist Party's student supporters attacked a rally of their rivals in support of the strike. About 500 supporters from both sides hurled bombs during the clashes before the police in-

Hanoi May Try Leader Of Outlawed Church

HANOI -- Vietnam has not ruled out putting the leader of an outlawed Bud-dhist Church on trial and is still investigating his and-government activities, the Foreign Ministry announced Thurs-

day.

The authorities detained Thich Huyen

The hanned Unified Quang, parriarch of the banned Unified Buddhist Church of Vietnam, last December after breaking up a church-sponsored flood relief mission in Ho Chi Minh

City. Mr. Quang, 77, is the last senior leader of the outlawed church who has not been tried and jailed.

VOICES From Asia

Noboru Hoshuyama, head of Japan's Defense Facilities Administration Agency, about the central government's dispute with Okinawa over U.S. bases there: "This issue has been caused because the prime minister is stupid." (Reuters)

Coionel Andreas Sugianto, the police chief in Dili, East Timor, denying reports of the police carrying out house-to-house searches: "That's a big lie. The situation in Dili is fully under control by the authorities, so why should we continue with such an operation?"

Kil Jeong Woo, columnist for the Jooog Ang Daily News. "Most people in South Korea are beginning to feel more prestigious and self-confident. These kinds of things should be respected by our

Rao's Party Rising From the Ashes?

By John F. Burns

NEW DELHI - Six mooths before India holds a general election, upheavals among the main opposition parties have given an unexpected lift to the flagging morale of the governing Congress Party and raised the possibility that Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao could yet defy widespread predictions of a Congress Party debacle in the voting.

Opposition parties that had been making inroads into Congress Party bastions, eroding voter support for its economic program by calling it "anti-poor" and assailing the an appointed governor until a new state Rao government as corrupt, have run into

choppy waters themselves.
"It's beginning to look as though things are niming Rao's way, not because he's done anything spectacular, but because events have shaped themselves to his ad-vantage," said Khushwant Singh, a political

The latest upswing for the Congress Party came this week with the collapse of an opposition alliance that governed for five months in Uttar Pradesh state, India's most populous with 140 million people.

The collapse was significant because it signaled the failure to tap into a major minister voting bloc, the so-called untouchables, by

a Hindu nationalist party that has been Janata leaders by transferring and dismisshoping to vault to power in next year's elections with breakthroughs in a tier of

oorthern states, including Uttar Pradesh. On Wednesday, the central government imposed "president's rule," meaning that the state government will be controlled by

'It's beginning to look as though things are turning Rao's way.'

election, probably at the same time as the national vote expected in April.

The move was a bumiliation for the Bharatiya Janata Party, which cormally appeals to nationalist sentiments among upper-caste Hindus but made an improbable alliance in Uttar Pradesh with a local party, the Bhahujan Samaj, that draws its support from the 30 million people in the state who are considered dalits, or untouchables.

The alliance had placed at the head of the Uttar Pradesh government a 39-year-old dalit woman, Mayawati, one of only a handful of lower-caste politicians to be a chief

ing upper-caste civil servants, and she offended many Hindus by criticizing Mohandas K. Gandhi, the independence leader, and Ram, the Hindu god, as enemies of untouchables.

Party leaders had hoped that by propping up the Mayawati government until the general election, they could draw support from India's 230 million untouchables, thus helping the party to broaden its base,

On Wednesday, after the Bharatiya Janata leaders withdrew from the alliance, untouchable leaders were hailing the party's withdrawal as "good riddance" and promising to make the party a scapegoat for toppling the untouchables' champion.

Earlier this month, the party scrambled to bold together a government in Gujarat, a

western state they won this spring.

This summer, the party's leaders urged another state government, in Maharashtra, where the party governs in a coalition with an extremist Hindu group, Shiv Sena, to scrap a \$2.9 billion power plant project by Enron Corp. of Houston after it spent \$300 million on construction south of Bombay.

After anti-American sentiments whipped up by the party began to subside, with polls showing wide support for the power plant, the party switched signals and told its state But Ms. Mayawati angered Bharatiya leadership to reopen talks with Enron.

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*Italian Parliamentary Warfare Minister Spurns Vote of No-Confidence

By Daniel Williams Washington Post Service

ROME — Simmering partisan clashes over Italy's longrunning graft investigations burst into parliamentary war-fare Thursday when leftist parties and a few centrist allies voted to dismiss the justice minister over his efforts to rein in the "Clean Hands" team of corruption prosecutors.

Conservative politicians walked out of the Senate for the vote, and the rump body voted no-confidence in Justice Minister Filippo Mancuso, 173 to 3. with g abstentions.

[Former Prime Minister Sil-vio Berlusconi said Thursday that he would try to topple the government over the issue. Reuters reported from Rome.

The media magnate, a staunch supporter of Mr. Mancuso's, said he would immediately present Parliament with a motion of oo-confidence in Prime Minister Lamberto Dini and his government of tech-

The conservative, who was indicted by a Milan judge last week oo corruption charges, stands a fair chance of ousting Mr. Dini if he presents his mooon in the Chamber of Deputies, or lower house. Pas- oil

far the anti-corruption campaign should go and whether tactics used by prosecutors are

Clean Hands prosecutions began in early 1992, with in-dictments of hundreds of politicians and business people over rake-offs, influence peddling and bribery. The scandals brought down the Christian Democratic Party, which had dominated Italian politics for more than 40 years, along with the Socialist Party, its some-

time-partner in power. Prosecutors based in Milan continue to probe offenses of the past, and their work has complicated Italy's political

As he watched from the public galleries Thursday, Mr. Berlusconi seemed very much at the center of the debate. His supporters in the Senate charged that Mr. Mancuso's firing was "Stalinist" and walked out. Opponents suggested that Mr. Mancuso was a closet defender of Mr. Berlusconi.

Mr. Mancuso became a target of criticism last summer when he opened an inquiry into Milan prosecutors' 1993 prosecution of Gabriele Cagliari, the former head of the state-run Deputies, or lower house. Pas-oil company. Mr. Cagliari sage could precipitate an early killed himself in jail, where he was held four months without

The battle centered on how trial. Prosecutors have used detention without trial to get con-

> Leftist politicians accused Mr. Mancuso of using the inquiry to undermine the anti-corruption campaign before it had thoroughly run its course.
> The Senate vote throws into

question the future of Mr. Dini's government. The prime minister took power after Mr. Berlusconi's fall last December and is supported by an uneasy alliance led by the former Communists, the Democratic Party of the Left.

Mr. Mancuso has asked the Constitutional Court to block the Senate action on the grounds that a vote of no-confidence can only be called against an entire cabinet, not a

single individual.

The high court will decide

During a fiery self-defense, the justice minister charged that the country's ceremonial head of state, President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro, conspired with leftist parties to bring him down and pressured Mr. Dini into cooperating in his ouster.

"That is the great stately and moral message that still leaves me asking why the honorable Scalfaro took this attitude, an attitude that is anything but discreet?" he told the Senate in a



Justice Minister Mancuso pausing during his 40-minute address to lawmakers Thursday.

Vandals Smash Memorial to Jews

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BERLIN - A Berlin memorial to Jews deported to Nazi concentration camps has been badly damaged, and its British sculptor said Thursday that he believed tightist extremists could be responsible for the vandalism.

The sculptor, Stuart Wolfe, said the fourth attack on his ghost-like sculptures io three weeks may have been carried out by neo-Nazis. The police said they did not know who was

Turkish Chief Will Attend UN Fete

ANKARA - President Suleyman Demirel will attend the celebrations to mark the 50th anniversary of the United Nations in New York on Oct. 22, taking part of a U.S. trip he

had postponed due to political instability at home.

Mr. Demirel had called off a trip to Washington, from Oct. 18 to 25, to help form a new government after Prime Minister Tansu Ciller lost a vote of confidence Sunday. The president reappointed Mrs. Ciller as the caretaker prime minister Tuesday

EU Likes What It Sees in Finland

BRUSSELS - Finland's bid to join a single European turrency is expected to receive broad support when European Union finance ministers gather in Luxembourg on Monday.

The EU's monetary committee, a discreet group of finance officials and central bankers, gave Finland its stamp of approval earlier this week in Brussels, and diplomats say the country's budget-slashing efforts should be easily reaffirmed

Analysts have given Finland high marks for its efforts at reducing public spending, and many expect the nation to easily qualify for monetary union by 1999. (Reuters)

Britain Dumped Nuclear Waste

LONDON — Britain dumped about 16,000 tons of low-level nuclear waste into the sea off the Channel Islands from 1950 to 1963, the Atomic Energy Commission said Thursday.

A commission spokesman, reacting to French press reports, confirmed that 15,700 tons of radioactive waste were dumped about 32 kilometers (20 miles) north of the Channel Islands. "It was low-level sludge." the spokesman said. "It is not there any more." He said that the sea off the islands was regularly checked and that no extra radiation was detected. (Reuters)



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FLORENCE: The president of the European Commission, Jacques Santer, and its social affairs commissioner, Padraig Flynn, address the opening of the European Center for Industrial Relations. Sources: AFP, Agence Europe

Court's Rx for Britain: Treat the Sexes Equally

LUXEMBOURG --- The European Court of Justice ruled Thursday that a British practice allowing women to get free prescriptions for medicines when they turned 60, while forcing men to wait until they were 65, was illegal,

In a decision that could cost the government millions, the court said the practice violated a 1979 European Union law requiring governments to provide equal treatment for men and women under social security systems.

The case involves a complaint brought by Cyril Richardson, a retired lecturer, against a National Health Service regulation. The decision could open the way for damage claims by other British men.

The court said its judgment was not limited in time, meaning claims can be filed for retroactive damages. The result could be even more costly if Britain responds by equalizing the age for free prescriptions at the age of 60.

EU officials said they were looking into whether other countries in the 15-oation group would be affected.

Spain's Socialists Condemn New Inquiry

MADRID - The Socialist government, under increasing pressure over accusations that it waged a "dirty war" against Basque separatists in the 1980s, said Thursday it feared that the Senate's decision to begin its own investigation into the charges could clash with court efforts.

"We think it can involve a risk of interfering with the administration of justice that is already in place," Defense Minister Gustavo Suárez Pertierra saíd.

127 late Wednesday to open an inquiry into the affair. It will join several judicial investigations already in progress — including one by the Supreme Court — into charges that the government authorized an illegal war on Basque separatists that claimed 27 lives from 1983 to 1987.

The vote cleared the way for the Senate toral use."

to appoint a 32-member committee within

two weeks. The prime minister, Felipe González, and other top Socialists will then be called in to testify. In a statement issued in Brazil, where be

was on a state visit, Mr. González called the Senate investigation a mistake that would undermine public faith in the judiciary and create confusion. His Socialists are widely expected to

Sustavo Suárez Pertierra saíd.

The Senate agreed by a vote of 128 to from their foes in the center-right Popular Party, which is favored to win early elections promised by Mr. González for

The spokesman for Socialist lawmakers in the Senate, Ricardo Bayona, said: "We will not accept to see this turned into an element of political propaganda for elec-

that he approved a campaign of assassinations and kidnappings by the Anti-Terrorist Liberation Groups against sep-aratist guerrillas of the ETA, or Basque Homeland and Freedom, movement.

A former deputy head of security, a former chief of military intelligence op-erations and a disgruntled Socialist leader in the Basque country are among the witnesses who have testified that the government was aware of the anti-terrorist

groups' campaign.

They have produced copies of secret intelligence papers that they say prove their accusations.

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A Lively Daily Entertains Tehran

By John Lancaster Washington Post Service

TEHRAN - Wheo an Iranian jetliner was hijacked to Israel last month, most plicity in the plot.

There was one conspicuous exception, however. Hamshairi, a colorful daily put out by the municipality of Tehran, not only kept the story off its front page, but also pie can do that." substituted a straight wire-service account in place of the Zionist-conspiracy theories criticized for autocratic methods — he has of its competitors.

"Our logic was that when the plane was taken out of Tehran, it was a bitter event, so we didn't have much to do with it," said the paper's executive editor, Ahmad-Reza Daryaei. "When they returned, it was a happy event, so we put it on Page 1."

The hijacking episode speaks volumes about Hamshahri's approach to the newsand also helps explain the secret of its success. Iranian newspaper readers, it seems, are ready for a little fluff. After 16 years of revolutionary propaganda and a grueling eight-year war with Iraq, the threeyear-old daily has trounced the competitioo with a combination of lively graphics and an emphasis on the upbeat and apolitical.

"It was the first paper that didn't have a strong polemic, and it was entertaining depoliticized," said a veteran magazine journalist. "And the packaging and presentation is lively."

Besides increasing circulation, the formula has proved a bonanza for Tehran's city government, and expecially for its party.

city government, and especially for its may-or, Gholamhossein Karabaschi, a mathe-matician who has also studied Islamic theory at Qum, the Iranian theological center.

Since taking office in 1989. Mr. Karabaschi has wowed the citizenry with his bold moves to improve the quality of Iranian newspapers hewed to the govern-ment line, which accused Israel of com-downtown Tehran and knocking down walls around municipal parks, all of them duly chronicled in Hamshahri.

'He does things that you can see," the mat said. magazine journalist said. "Not many peo-

But the 42-year-old mayor has also been

Hamshahri has been called an Iranian version of USA Today.

been known to dispatch municipal workers to paint shop fronts and then bill the owners for the cost, for example — that have cost him dearly with the city's merchant class. He has also run afoul of conservative religious leaders, who disparage him as a liberal and a "technocrat" insufficiently committed to Islamic principles.

Hamshahri — the name means "citizen" in Persian — faithfully reflects its publisher's priorities. While competing papers like Salaam, published by Islamic hardliners, serve up daily doses of revolutionary

politics and propaganda. Hamshahri devotes just half a page to political news, most of it reported with relative neutrality.

"When we got over the long eight-year war, the other papers continued to print the same stories," said Mr. Daryaei, 54, a veteran newsman who writes sbort stories Aloog with Foreign Minister Ali Akbar in his spare time. "We said that since Velayati, Mr. Karabaschi is considered a construction and reconstruction has begun, strong candidate to succeed President Ali we are going to start showing people ways to Open in the North."

Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani in the 1997 elector spend their time, to relax, to live like

citizens. Readers seem eager to heed the advice. Barely three years after its founding, Hamshahri boasts a daily circulation of 356,000, more than all its major competitors combined, according to Mr.

Daryaei. "It was a breath of fresh air," one diplo-

At least superficially, the end product bears a surprising resemblance to some American oewspapers, especially those that emphasize "packaging" and graphics. It has been called an Iranian version of

USA Today. A quick glance at a recent issue, for example, revealed an abundance of "soft" news relating to culture, entertainment and sports, accompanied by full-color photographs and advertisements for motorcycles and home appliances. There is a crossword puzzle and a weather story, as well as a business section that includes quotes from the Tehran stock market and

the latest on foreign iovestment in Iran. Bad news in Iran, however, generally gets short shrift. Crime goes virtually un-reported in Hamshahri, and investigative reporting is an alien concept, despite what everyone acknowledges is widespread conruption at both the municipal and state

"Our approach in journalism is to give hope to the people," Mr. Daryaer said. "Because we are a morning paper, we have made it a duty to give people a positive outlook" when they start the day.

Not surprisingly for a paper published by the city government, there is a boosterish tone to much of Hamshahri's coverage. One column is devoted to singing the praises of new sports facilities. Another headline trumpets: "Three Regional Parks

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PARIS — The French for-eign minister, Hervé de Charette, does not believe what he called a "grotesque" state-ment by the Bosnian Serbian leader, Radovan Karadzic, that two French airmen shot down over Bosnia had been kidnapped from a hospital, French officials said Thursday.

The pilots, captured when their Mirage-2000 was shot down near the Bosnian Serbian stronghold of Pale on August 29, appear to have become pawns in a power struggle be-tween the Bosnian Serbs and President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia, the officials said.

"The longer time goes by, the more worrying this affair becomes," a senior French official said. "They could be dead, and Karadzic could be belatedly trainer to provide the country of th latedly trying to cover it up."
Mr. de Charette was unable

to obtain any news of the air-men's fate when be met Mr. Milosevic in Belgrade oo

Mr. Karadzic chose the same day to announce that the airmen, Captain Frederic Chiffot and Lieutenant José Souvignet, had been abducted by unidentified kidnappers. He said the kidnappers were either Bosnian Muslims or ransonn-seekers. But France has/received oo ransom demand and does not believe they wert captured by the Muslims, who would have returned them to Paris, officials said.

South Africans Seize Suspect In Serial Killings

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches • PRETORIA — The South African police said Thursday head Europe's efforts to end the that they had arrested a 31year-old man who they believe the serial killer who has murdered at least 40 women in cen-ral Gauteng province during where French soldiers had been

Benoni, east of Johannesburg, Benoni, east of Johannesburg, Mr. Holbrooke leaped from the National Police commissioner, George Fivaz, said.

last week wheo he was named port. Having been in effect libas South Africa's most wanted erated by the Americans, the

He has expressed fears that tions with France." any suspect's life is in danger communities where he has previous serial killing cases.

gan with the discovery of the Americans. bodies of 15 womeo in June Mr. Bild Cleveland, east of Johannes-

strangled or shot to death. Some were sexually assaulted.

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Mr. Sithole will be charged last two months. A cease-fire with murder, Mr. Fivaz said, has largely taken hold and for refusing to specify the oumber the first time the outlines of a



A French soldier in the UN reaction force enjoying the calm Thursday in Sarajevo.

Fear of New Serb Massacre in Bosnia

By John Pomfret hington Post Service

ZAGREB, Croatia - Up to 2,000 Muslim men remain missing in northern Bosnia from receot "ethnic cleansing," and senior Western diplomat said Thursday that his government feared the Bosnian Serbs have focusing on ending the war in either executed the meo or Bosnia and resolving a tense planned to kill them soon.

The diplomat spoke oo the same day that John H. Shattuck, U.S. assistant secretary of state for human rights, said be had gathered evidence of for human rights, said be had ident Franjo Tudjman of gathered evidence of Croatia had promised he would widespread killings of Muslim not launch an offensive to recivilians by Serbian paramil-itary forces in northern Bosnia over the last month.

Mr. Shattuck said the allegations, from interviews with people expelled recently from their homes by the Bosnian Serbs, "clearly amounts to substantial prima facie evi-dence of war crimes which, if confirmed, could very well lead to further indictments by the war crimes tribunal."

The allegations from the diplomats bolster charges by Western aid agencies that the Western aid agencies that the northern Bosnia had been forces launched an offensive Bosnian Serbs, backed by a Yuturned into a "second Srebreniagainst Serb positions in north-

Milosevic of Serbia, have killed scores, if oot hundreds, of Musing the past month.

another round of peace talks der with Yugoslavia. The U.S. military standoff in Croatia. To that end Thursday, the U.S. envoy Richard C. Holbrooke announced in Zagreb that Prestake the last sliver of Serb-held land in Croatia.

Western officials in Croatia bad expressed alarm at a recent Croatian military buildup on its border with the Serb-controlled Eastern Slavonia section. A Croatian attack there could draw the rump Yugoslavia into a wider war on the side of the Croatian Serbs and scuttle peace talks scheduled to begin Oct. 31 in the United States.

The Western diplomat said his government was afraid that

an onslaught by Bosnian Serbs in July. In August the United lim men in northern Bosnia dur- States government released The accusations are surfac- show mass grave sites near Sreing as the West prepares for brenica and along Bosnia's borgovernment alleged that the Serbs had rounded up Muslim meo and slaughtered them. About 4,000 Muslim military

age men are still missing from

the Serb assault,

"Privately our real fear is the fear that Mladic and Karadzic have gone ahead and done another Srebrenica," the diplomat said, referring to the Serbian military leader, Ratko Mladica and the Serbian political leader. leader. Radovan Karadzic. "Given the totality of the evidence and the circumstances we are very concerned that Srebrenica-style, systematic killing of military age meo has systematic

beeo or is going on."
This latest and by all accounts brutal round of "ethnic cleansing" began in September, soon after Muslim and Croatian

goslav paramilitary unit with ca. "Srebrenica was a UN- pro- em Bosnia. Within days the of-close ties to President Slobodan tected "safe area" that fell to fensive had grabbed more than square miles) of territory.

But as always in Bosnia, as satellite photographs said to soon as the Muslim and Croatian forces began to make gains, Muslims and Croats living on the Serbian side began to suffer. By the end of last week, almost 7,000 women, children and elderly had been expelled from oorthern Bosnia, including the towns of Sanski Most, Bosanski Novi, Prijedor and Bosanska Dubica, near where the Muslim-Croatian combined of-

fensive took place. But military-age men were oot allowed to leave. The Western diplomat said that they had been put io camps and factories in the area and that his government believed that many of them have been executed.

French General to Retire

PARIS — General Philippe Morillon of the French general staff, who was a United Nations commander in Bosnia in 1993. will take early retirement on Jan. 1. the army said Thursday.

A Strange Detention In Sarajevo

By Roger Cohen

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - A scene remarkable even by Bosnian standards the American envoy Richard C. Holbrooke at the sandbagged gate to Sarajevo airport: the detention of the European Union's top peace ne-gotiator by French UN soldiers.

'Hey, Carl, have they de-tained you?" Mr. Holbrooke yelled to a furning Carl Bildt, the former Swedish prime minister who was appointed this year to 42-month-old Bosnian war.

"This is absolutely intolerable!" Mr. Bildt screamed back the last 18 months.

The suspect, Moses Sithole, was shot and wounded late Wednesday as the police runway where his personal moved in to arrest him in plane awaited him.

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rescue mission for Mr. Bildt, Mr. Sithole, a former convict who was finally allowed to folwho has been on the run since low Mr. Holbrooke into the airman, was in satisfactory con-dition in a hospital under guard, Mr. Fivaz said. Swedish politician announced, only half-jokingly, that he had "severed all diplomatic rela-

The scene Wednesday apfrom angry members of the peared to capture a fractious quality of Europe that frustrated killed, as has been the case in its peace efforts in the former Yugoslavia and the peripheral The investigation culminat-ing in Mr. Sithole's capture be-cess now dominated by the

Mr. Bildt had accompanied 1994 buried on a hillside in Mr. Holbrooke during talks in Sarajevo partly because concern is growing in Paris and Almost all of the victims other European capitals that the were women who had been United States has upstaged Europe through its successful Bosnian diplomacy over the (AFP. AP) possible peace have emerged.

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that would not have led to what followed: a

brawl involving dozens of people and a nasty hruise to the friendship of two of the world's

But the man involved was a U.S. soldier, and

his wife was a Korean. Public displays of affec-

tion are frowned upon here —especially between

And in Korea, a country that is fed up with feeling disrespected by the United States, that

pat on the bottom represented far more than the

"The American servicemen are taught to treat Koreans as if they are subhuman," said the

Reverend Chun Woo Sub, who ministers to pros-

titutes and AIDS patients near a U.S. military base outside Seoul. "This has to end. If no action is taken, eventually the Koreans will say, "Yan-

Almost no one is saying that now. Despite some serious crimes committed by American soldiers over the years, most South Koreans

strongly support the presence of the 37,000 GIs

as the best deterrent to the unpredictable Com-munist leadership in North Korea

In Japan last month, when three U.S. service-men were charged with raping a 12-year-old girl

on Okinawa, angry Okinawans called for the United States to get out, or at least to reduce the

But South Koreans are saying something dif-ferent. They are tired of the role of apprentice

nation and little brother they have played since the United States saved them from Communist

aggression in the Korean War. They say South

Korea is fast becoming a wealthy, reliable de-

mocracy that deserves the same respect the Unit-

ed States shows its other allies, especially Japan.

"Most people in South Korea are beginning to feel more prestigious and self-confident," said

Kil Jeong Woo, a columnist for the Joong-ang Daily News. "These kinds of things should be

respected by our American friends, not ignored."

visas. He said Koreans
The complaints from Korea and Japan, where
the embassy in Seoul.

number of its bases and troops significantly.

most closely allied nations.

Koreans and American soldiers.

kee go home.' "

soldier could ever have anticipated.

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porting the losses to U.S. au-No one else has been charged in the scandal, and sentencing has yet to be scheduled for Mr.

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fguchi, who remains in custody. Mr. Iguchi pleaded to guilty to conspiring with Daiwa's senior management to conceal the \$1.1 billion loss from federal regulators in the period from July to September. In addition to the conspiracy, he also pleaded guilty to concealing the losses over 12 years and to embezzling more than \$500,000

including for the purchase of real estate. He faces up to 90 years in jail. In addition, if fined, the minimum would be \$3 million, prosecutors said.

from the bank for his own use,

The plea and Mr. Iguchi's revelations are the latest developments in a widening scandal at Daiwa, which has been riddled with questions about inadequate disclosure that led to in the New York office, the forproblems in its New York mer official said.

bond-trading office.

The Federal Reserve has already placed sanctions on Daiwa by forcing it to scale back its New York trading operation sharply, saying that Daiwa had in the past lied to regulators and failed to make the response of the trading records of the Daiwa employee, Mr. fguchi, but their sights, the official said, they failed to ask the right questions and engage in the kind of follow-up that would have exposed the debacle in 1993.

The two former officials, who declined to be identified, ac-

Iguchi's losses, which the bank said first came to light in July. ■ A Fed Warning in '93

Peter Truell of The New York Times reported earlier:

lost more than \$1 hillion in unpresident of the Federal Re- that assessment. serve Bank of New York met It has been known that the with a top bank executive to Fed expressed some general discuss the employee by na

tices ended and won assurances supervision would be tightened action.

DAIWA: Trader Says Firm Aided Aided Cover-Up Daiwa was criticized for

An Ally Demands Respect

waiting two months before tell-

hlamed for allowing Mr. Iguchi to conceal 30,000 unauthorized trades from regulators for 11 years.

week after U.S. regulators accused their Japanese counterparts of shoddy supervision in the case and publicly scolded them for waiting more than a month to tell them of the losses ing U.S. authorities about Mr. after learning of them.

custody of suspects when they are arrested.

Koreans are irked that Japan now has a stron-

ger agreement. Japan occupied Korea from 1910

until 1945, and both countries retain a distaste

for each other that often seems like gut-level hatred. When Koreans speak of wanting more respect from the United States, what they usually mean is that they want what Japan has.

If after the review it appears that Japan's agreement is better than Korea's, "it will cause a

lot of prohlems," said Yim Sung Joon, director-general of the American Affairs Bureau in the

U.S. officials would like more parity on anoth-

er issue. Japan now pays the total cost of maintaining U.S. forces in Japan — about \$2.7 billion

a year - while South Korea pays only a one-

third share. Mr. Yim said his government's annu-

al contribution of about \$300 million was

Anti-American feeling in South Korea was once the domain of radical students who protest-

ed U.S. "imperialism" with demonstrations and

firebombs. Now anti-Americanism has become

Mr. Kim, for example, pointed out that his

more of mainstream and middle class.

Foreign Ministry.

adequate.

But a good share of the scolding needs to be aimed at the Fed itself, the former high-ranking official said, citing the meeting on Oct. 4, 1993, and other un-Nearly two years before disclosed meetings between Fed Daiwa Bank Ltd. revealed that an employee in New York had Another former senior Fed official, who is knowledgeable authorized bond trades, the about the meetings, agreed with

concerns about the activities at and expressed concerns about Daiwa Bank as early as 1992. his trading practices, according But the new account shows that to a former senior Fed official the Fed's concerns were broadwho was at the meeting.

The Fed president, William J.

McDonough, ordered the prac
did not prompt what the two did not prompt what the two former officials said should from the Daiwa executive that have been extensive follow-up

Among other things, the Fed

good on promises to reform a lax system of oversight. The loose oversight has heen in 1993.

The former official's account of the meeting, which was previously undisclosed, comes a gressively.



BACK TO HIS ROOTS — Lech Walesa, Poland's presidut, being greeted Thursday in Gdansk by members of Solidarity, which he helped organize. Mr. Walesa wonthe union's endorsement in November's elections.

LONELY: Shevardnadze Is Slowly Saving Georgia

Continued from Page 1 history's unforgiving ash heap

as quickly as they could, people here have chosen a tougher fate for their leader: Amhivalent, undecided and deeply emotional, they have insisted that he fix their broken country.

And to many people's surcountry's per-capita output had grown from \$2,000 just 10 years ago to \$10,000 now. More South Koreans can afford to vacation in the prise, Mr. Shevardnadze appears to be making a pretty good stab at it.

United States, but Washington is stingy with visas. He said Koreans resented long visa lines at It has been more than two years since the people of Abkhazia, a fertile strip of coast-line along the Black Sea, rebelled against the Georgian government. Aided by Russia, they fought for independence in a war as fierce as any in this particularly hrutal region can be. Thousands died and hundreds of thousands were dis-

These days nobody recognizes their rebel government, then enacts them, and Mr. She-and Russia — which has felt the vardnadze has abolished the

Japan Official

Quits Over Slur

Against Leader

a way to put the pieces back bloed him win the civil war, so

together with Georgia.
Inflation, which was so high two years ago that no statistics could track it, has fallen to about 2 percent a month, according to the International Monetary Fund, which has Monetary Fund, which has alking the way Georgian men and to talk when they are made to talk when they are try now to lend Georgia money. rinking, which he wasn't. "If A new currency, the lari, has

ple are actually forsaking the dollar to use it. Last year, the country's grandest hotel, the Metechi Palace, had a sign at the door warning detector is considered good enough, Bullet-pocked huildings are under repair, people

Parliament debates laws and

Continued from Page 1

to wage war was constitutional.

b had trouble hringing himself curh their growing power un-the bomb went off in August. The bombing seems to have wen him new vigor. "Cowards imost always die," he said, hey survive you can't really call just been introduced, and peo- t living f am not going to hide nyself like a mouse. Everybody

ies someday." Mr. Shevardnadze has also een some good economie forune lately. The new internaguests to check all weapons on ional oil pipeline that will run entry. This year, a simple metal vest from the Caspian Sea must TOSS Georgia.

wander the streets at night

legitimate.

"People now are incredibly oor, but the truth is we have ur first real chance to become civilized, small, beautiful ountry, said Alexander D. ondeli, chairman of the deartment of international relasting of Caucasian separatists semiofficial band of thugs ons at the Tbilisi State Univering to find called the Mkhedrioni. They

YELTSIN: He'll ire a Top Aide

minister, Yohei Kono, had been calm the tension.

Tomiichi Murayama of Japan by calling the meeting "inopfree, Mr. Yeltsin repeated issia's opposition to putting i troops under NATO comsaid the 1910 annexation treaty portune. cluded and carried out.

> ing that when the treaty was concluded the two countries were not on an equal footing. But he refused to retract re-

legal. In Seoul's view, the treaty was forced on Korea and was therefore null and void. Youhap quoted another For-

eign Ministry official as saying an exiled Algerian former prime that South Korea was preparing minister, Abdelhamid Brahimi, "strong countermeasures," in-cluding an international publicity campaign about wartime and colonial-era atrocities com-

between the two countries will last for a considerable period," the unidentified official was

quoted as saying.

The two countries have al-

malized diplomatic relations in malized diplomatic relations in 1965, but their relations have been plagued by disputes over different views of wartime ment forces. The sources and they were among nine Algerian will be being investigated.

Defying Terrorists, **Paris Bars** 'Blackmail'

By Barry James

PARIS -- Foreign Minister Hervé de Charette rejected "blackmail" by Islamie extremists suspected of a wave of bombings in France and said Thursday that a controversial meeting between the French and Algerian presidents would take place as planned.

He denied this meant that France was siding with the government in the Algerian civil

But the two main secular parties in Algeria joined Islamie groups in condemning the meeting scheduled in New York next week between the two presidents, Jacques Chirac and Liamine Zeroual.

Moustapha Bouhadef, general secretary of the Socialist Forces Front, said the meeting supported the Algerian regime's "policy of human rights viola-tion and corruption."

The secretary-general of the National Liberation Front, Abdelhamid Mehri, said the meeting showed that "France is endorsing a facace of democracy

and elections that are not free." Fearing that the meeting would touch off new terrorist attacks, the authorities deployed 400 more troops at six rail stations in Pars to prevent a repetition of the bombing of an underground train on Tuesday, in which 29 passengers were injured, five serpusty.

It was the eighth bembing or attempted bombing inless than three months. Seven people have been killed and about 160 injured in the attacks,

Mr. Chirac says he will take advantage of the meeting. which was requested by Generwas quoted as saying by Yonhap News Agency. "Otherwise,
the waves will continue spreadto the democratic processin Algeria, Mr. de Charette told the geria, Mr. de Charette tod the Senate that it was "part of the dialogue between state and state, and in no way signal any

kind of backing for anyone" But the Algerian opposition groups see it as an expression support for the general, who iss called a presidential election or Nov. 16. The opposition groups

are boycotting the election. Lionel Jospin, the Socialist opposition leader in France,

Mr. Chirac's former diple matic adviser, Pierre Lellouche, accused Mr. Jospin of support-

ing the terrorists argument.
"It's serving soup to those committing aggression against us," he said.

The dispute left Mr. Jospin isolated, with the Communist leader, Robert Hue, supporting

Mr. Chirac's stand. The terrorism is generally attributed to the extremist Armed Islamic Group in Algeria But

told the newspaper Le Figaro that government security foces could be involved. "In Algeria, the security services have infiltrated several

small groups opposed to the government," he said. "f do not rule ont at all the possibility that the attacks per-petrated in France are inspired

by the Algerian special scrfn Germany, government sources said the police had arrested two sons of an Algeriaa fundamentalist leader, Abassa

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market economy in Russia. In a news conference on Sept. 8, Mr. Yeltsin expressed dissat-

Mr. Yeltsin said his major accomplishment was the start of a Reuters TOKYO - A senior de-Thursday after saying Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayaisfaction with the Foreign Ministry, and in response to quesma was "stupid" for not taktions Thursday he said, "I still ing steps to require Okinawa feel dissatisfied." residents to rent land for

U.S. bases on the island. The official, Noboru Hoshuyama, head of the De-fense Facilities Administration Agency, submitted his resignation to Defense Minister Seishiro Eto, a ministry spokesman said.

Mr. Hoshuyama's reported remark caused a furious reaction from the government, already hit by the refusal of Okinawa's governor, Masahide Ota, to sign contracts to maintain U.S. bases there.

He then said he was searching for a "worthy candidate" to replace Mr. Kozyrev, but added that a choice might not be made

The decision to remove the foreign minister scemed to mark the end of an era.

Mr. Kozyrev, 45, was a career diplomat who expressed radical ideas about dismantling Soviet power during the petiod of Mikhail S. Gorbachev's glasnost and went to work for Mr. Yeltand went to work for Mr. Yell-sin at the Russian Federation in 1990, before the collapse of the Scholar I Inion.

the West. Mr. Kozyrev was a titude strong advocate of building a strong advocate of building a This measured the Doppler relationship of trust between the former Cold War adversar-to dett a wobble in the star's ies, although in the last two years he began to tack toward the hard-liners as he came under criticism at home.

Potential replacements, active to the planet stars motiocaused by the planet's gravitonal pull. "It pushes the staround like nothing we've en," Mr. Marcy said. The plaet itself cannot be seen

replacements, according to Russian analysts, include a former ambassador to Washington, Vladimir Lukin, now chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Duma or lower house of Parlia. Duma, or lower house of Parlia-plete onorbit around the star. ment; Yuli M. Voronstov, now Russian ambassador to Washington, and Anatoli L. Adamishin, ambassador to Britain.

cow, said Mr. Yeltsin's decision "demonstrates a clear recogni- alternative explanations, and tion that Kozyrev's policy of we've had a greatest minds in

"The basic presumption of plains whe we see" — other Kozyrev's foreign policy after than a plan the collapse of the Soviet Union Douglas uncan, an astronowas that Russia will be quickly mer at the der Planetarium integrated into the Western and the Unersity of Chicago, community," he said. "Now, cautioned agnst getting ahead it's undeniable that Russia has of the data Planets are not not been admitted to a single easy to find he said. This is Western institution as a deci-

mestically, Kozyrev lost any man for the merican Astro-support" because his actions nomical Socie, said: This is a "have been perceived as some great day for a astronomers. It thing that is done just to please now appears hat we have the West, not because it's better found one of t so-called holy for Russia."

When asked, Mr. Yeltsin said
that he was replacing Mr. Kozyrev because he could not co
Nature in a fv weeks, colordinate with other ministers, leagues said. Atheir request, but added that he would not the American am will not force him to "knuckle under" publish until ser that, Mr.

"Let him work in peace," Mr. itsin said. On the Balkans peacekeeping and, which is expected to be ti chief topic on the agenda wh Mr. Clinton next week.

le said Russia would rather he a peacekeeping operation rt by large states, rather than uler the Western military alli-are. The West has insisted that NTO must be clearly in com-

PLANET: ASolar System?

In the first years after that The anet's closeness to its star collapse, Russia went through a period of idealism — critics have called it romanticism — abledhe two teams of scienabout possible relations with tists tidentify it with such cer-

> (Earth tes 365 days, or one year, andupiter takes almost 12 years.Mr. Marcy said the U.S. tean measurements were

Sergei Rogov, director of the five or stimes more precise than the biss team's. "We'vexplored all sorts of tion that Kozyrev's poncy of the last few years has been a astronomyhiming in," he said. "The botto line is nothing ex-

sion-making member. Russia is out just hovcommon planets are."

Mr. Rogov added that "do- Stephen PMaran, spokesgrails."

Marcy said.

Japan to **Mend Rift** SEOUL - South Korea

Seoul Asks

urged Japan Thursday to repair the rift it opened when it said recently that the annexation of Korea early this century was The South Koreans came

close to demanding a Japanese apology. "The Japanese govern-ment should come out with sincere measures," Lee Jae Choon, first assistant foreign minister, He added that the measures

should "meet the expectations of the Korean people." Mr. Lee said that a possible visit by the Japanese foreign

dropped because of the dispute, Japan had wanted to send Mr. Kono to Seoul next month to Both North and South Korea protested after Prime Minister touched off a chorus of protes

Faced with protests, Mr. Murayama backed down, say-

marks that the treaty had been

mitted by Japan.
"It is mevitable that tension

ready canceled a planned meet-ing between their leaders in New York and an annual conference of lawmakers in Seoul. Japan and South Korea nor-

exiles being investigated.

PLEDGE: A Non-Nuclear Pacific Continued from Page 1

the 40th anniversary of the U.S. atomic bombing of Hiroshima, atomic bombing of Hiroshima, reflected animosity in Australia, New Zealand and other

Since then, the United States has stopped routinely equipping surface ships with tactical nuclear weapons, and its stratecountries against nuclear mate- gic submarines never surface on rials being brought into their patrol, much less call at foreign region without their control. A prime violation in the sign-

into the region, quickly adhered to the agreement. But the United States refused then to join any agreement that might set a precedent in limiting its ability to deploy nuclear-armed submarines, surface ves-sels or aircraft anywhere in the world. That freedom to move weapons to any point within range of the Soviet land mass was seen as vital to the credibility of nuclear deterrence. Brit-

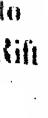
Fangataufa atolls. Britain has been criticized recently by some of its Commonwealth. of its Commonwealth partners
for failing to condemn the
French nuclear tests.
The nuclear-free zone, when
it was signed 10 years ago on
the 40th anniversary of the VI Since then, the United States

Despite its anti-nuclear ers' eyes, then as now, was thrust, the treaty allows for the France's testing in Polynesia. export of nuclear materials un-The Soviet Union and China, der strict safeguards, a proviwhich had little capability for sion that allows New Zealand sending nuclear-armed vessels to continue selling uranium to France for use in nuclear warheads of the sort being tested in

Polynesia. The accord is also known as the Treaty of Rarotonga.

Bomb Explodes on Corsica

Agence France-Presse AJACCIO, Corsica - A bomh exploded in a Cluh Medi-terranée holiday village on the am supported the U.S. position. French island of Corsica, dam-The treaty helped spark incidents at U.S. warships' port aging a building but causing no injuries, the police said.



UN Food Official Urges Easing of Iraq Sanctions

BAGHDAD - A United 'Nations official on Thursday needs could be met," said the called on Iraq and the United Nations to reach an agreement that would allow Baghdad to sell some of its oil to pay for zation. \$2.7 billion in food imports

over the next year. and the Security Council are eign exchange," he said.

on the sales of oil so that these official, Amer Khalil, head of mission in Baghdad for the UN Food and Agriculture Organi-

ZAPATISTAS IN PEACE TALKS - Members of Mexico's rebel Zapatistas arriving

"The only viable loog-term solution for Iraq is to use its "The government of Iraq own resources for earning for-

Iraq turned down United Nations Resolution 986, which was adopted in April to allow Baghdad to export \$1 billioo worth of oil every three months, under strict UN cootrol, so that it can purchase food and

Baghdad said the resolution violated its sovereignty. Under UN sanctions im-

Kuwait in August 1990, Iraq is allowed to import food and medicine. But Baghdad says it cannot pay for the goods because its oil exports are banned

and its assets frozen. Mr. Khalil said that food production in Iraq in the 1994-1995 fiscal year dropped by 10

Mexican Police Try to Clean Own House

By Sam Dillon New York Times Service

MEXICO CITY - For years, Silvia Ordaz, a Mexico City police officer, worked the streets like most of her comrades, extorting bribes from motorists, pocketing the small change to augment ber monthly salary of \$260 and passing along a \$100 weekly "quota"

to her precinct commander. But as Mexico's economy nose-dived this year. Officer Ordaz said, drivers protested her attempts to shake them down with increasing vehemence, causing her to rethink

her entire modus operandi.

And one day she decided to swear off extortion altogether -and quit paying the quotas to

her commander. "People don't have money oow, and I don't enjoy stealing from my fellow citizens," Officer Ordaz said. "So I told my boss openly, 'From oow on I'm

not paying you one red cent." "
Officer Ordaz's decision infuriated her commander, who busted her from patrol officer to

station-house cleaning woman. She responded by joining a group of dissident officers. some on active duty and some recently dismissed, who have carried oot hunger strikes and other protests to poblicize po-

lice corruption. In Mexico City, extortion is so fundamental to the work of the city's 70,000 police officers that cop-demands-bribe is like

dog-bites-man. But protests by police offi-cers who refuse to demand bribes have attracted considerable attention, even if only 12 active or former officers have

gone public so far. Downtown traffic came to a in San Cristóbal de las Casas to resume peace talks with the Mexican government. virtual standstill this month

when one protesting officer, Rider and imparting justice are in bringing change," said Alma and drug dealers) to freedom (to cardo Chaires, allowed his many cases those who disre-Londeros de la Fuente, a police arrested criminals) to promocomrades to tie him by his arms for six hours from a wooden cross overlooking Mexico month.

City's main thoroughfare. A sign at the foot of the cross read: "End the Impunity, Injustice and Public Insecurity! Say No to Police Corruption!"
Three successive Mexican

presidents have pledged to clean up the police, and in the last decade two Mexico City police chiefs have been imprisoned for bribe-taking and other

Yet President Ernesto Zedillo acknowledged recently that many of Mexico's 2,000 federal, state and local police forces were as corrupt as ever, especially since a percentage of the billions of dollars of drug profits pouring into Mexico are paid to cooperative police of-

"The very people who are eotrusted with safeguarding or-

gard it." Mr. Zedillo said in his state of the union speech last

Mexico City's current police chief, David Garay, hardly fits

Corruption news in Mexico is like dog bites man.

the image of a corrupt lout. He is a Harvard-educated lawyer. Vowing that the police de-partment is "completely reformable," Mr. Garay has oustsome subordinates suspected of wrongdoing, encouraged citizens to press charges against officers who solicit bribes and made it his

style to surprise his commanders with unannounced visits to station houses. "He's a man of law, and he's chants and bankers, prostitutes tow trucks.

spokeswoman.

York University professor who has studied the Mexico City po-

to force reforms. "The system is extremely protest. entrenched, and I don't think One

change it," he said.

The dissident officers are feeding a popular clamor for

base for their protests outside tow truck, knowing that offithe American Embassy on Avenida Reforma, hoping the will pay at least \$30 for every authorities will oot rout them from so public a site.

In interviews, they have the books, to retrieve their sketched a police department in cars. which commanders rule the city's 52 precincts like mefrom security services (to mer-

tions, uniforms, service re-But Paul Chevigny, a New volvers and even sick leaves (to

their own officers). "It's an empire of corruplice, questioned whether the authorities had the determination tion," said Jorge Flores Gonthorities had the determination who has taken part in the

entrenched, and I don't think One of the most lucrative they're trying very hard to rackets. Mr. Flores said, is the use of the city's nearly 200 po-

lice tow trucks. Officers frequently pay the equivalent of \$100 or more per They have set up a makeshift shift to be assigned to drive a cers at the impoundment lots auto delivered --- and in turn charge owners \$85 to \$100, off

Mr. Flores calculated that some precinct commanders dieval fiefs, selling everything earn the equivalent of \$30,000 a month just from their fleet of

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Iraq Sanctions, Still

The international trade embargo on Irao, now in its sixth year, is not easy to maintain. It has brought malnutrition and misery to the Iraqi people, while Saddam Hussein and his favored friends continue to live in royal splendor. The Iraqi leader was sworn in this week as president for seven more years after posting a 99.96 percent approval rating in a carefully controlled referendum. But despite the hardship for Iraqis, there are compelling reasons to keep the economic sanctions intact. Not the least of them is a United Nations report that Baghdad may be embarked on secret new efforts to build prohibited weapons, including longrange missiles equipped with chemical

and perhaps biological warheads. Sanctions have not brought full compliance with the arms provisions of the cease-fire resolution that ended the Gulf war, including permanent elimination of nuclear, biological and chemical arms programs and a ban on missiles with a range greater than 150 kilometers. But they have given UN arms inspectors sufficient leverage to track down most of the remnants of fraq's prewar arms programs.

The sanctions themselves have done less to punish the Iraqi people than Saddam's manipulation of the embargo has. Instead of using Baghdad's financial reserves to help sustain the welfare of his countrymen, he has built new palaces for himself. To produce the maximum resentment against the sanctions, be has cynically rejected a Security Council plan to let Baghdad export billions of dollars' worth of oil to pay for medicine and other humanitarian relief for Iraqis. Six months ago, it looked as if the

United Nations might soon be able to certify sufficient progress to discuss a timetable for the lifting of sanctions. But now it is abundantly clear that there has been less Iraqi compliance and far more

deception than UN inspectors realized. The defection of Saddam's son-in-law to Jordan during the summer produced troubling disclosures about previously concealed hiological weapons, loaded onto missile warheads and ready for use, that could have killed thousands of American

and allied soldiers and innocent civilians. Iraq still refuses to reveal its sources of imported chemical weapons components, making it difficult to trace the material. Baghdad concealed, until recently, its capacity to produce missiles on its own.

Most of these new discoveries came only after lraqi officials were confronted with information from defectors or supplier countries. Iraq has shown little interest in reporting truthfully. Even now. Baghdad expects the United Nations to rely on assertions that it issued oral orders to destroy prohibited weapons. Inspectors rightly insist on seeing written orders that would enable them to lonk for phys-

ical evidence of weapons destruction.

Since Iraq is prohibited from possessing nuclear, biological or chemical weapons, enforcement has relied on tracking down components of these weapons, most of which were imported from abroad and were well hidden by the Iraqis. Enforcing the 150-kilometer missile limit has been even harder, because some short-range missiles can be easily converted to go longer distances. Since it now nims out that Iraq can make and modify these missiles, the Security Council may have to enact new restrictions to make the limit enforceable.

Iraq's endless obstructions and deceptions have extended oil sanctions well beyond the time anticipated when they were imposed. Unless Baghdad changes its ways and honestly fulfills its arms control commitments, the embargo will not end any time soon.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Will Haiti Be Ready?

According to the script, in February the United Nations mission and the last American troops will pull out of Haiti, leaving the country serene under a newly elected democratic government. The re-ality may differ. The United Nations certainly intends to depart, but the plans for the Haitian presidential election are up in the air. It is not only the familiar ad-

ministrative confusion. The incumbent, President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, bas repeatedly told American visitors, apparently quite sincerely, that he intends to step down at the end of his term. But be has done nothing to cut off the clamor among his sup-porters to keep him in office. More important, he has not yet chosen his party's candidate to succeed him. The winner of the election would presumably be whoever Mr. Aristide picks, but it is less than two months until the election is sup-posedly to be held and he has not yet made a choice. It is beginning to look as though the elections will have to be

oushed over into January. Or February? Conditions in Haiti are clearly much, much better than before the American troops arrived a little over a year ago. i here have been murders of public figures public intimidation that it was under the previous, military regime. President Aristide has disbanded the army, which bad no purpose other than the repression of the civilian populatioo, Haitians are no longer risking the sea voyage in small boats to escape to Florida.

But the abolition of the army has created a power vacuum. The preservation of law and order is now up to a new civilian police force that by February will have about 5,000 officers (in a country of nearly 7 million people]. Although there has been a vigorous international effort to train those policemen, by February none of them will have had more than eight months' experience. One element in Haitian politics next year will be the struggle for the allegiance of this new force. Turmoil and uncertainty surrounding the presidency will not be helpful to maintaining democratic control of security.

A few days ago, a crowd stoned one of the vehicles in a motorcade that had taken Tipper Gore, the U.S. vice president's wife, to visit a clinic in a Port-au-Prince slum. The incident is an indicator of rising anxiety among desperate people. Haiti's needs are many. But first and most urgently, Haiti's government — with the help of the United States — has to get its presidential election back on in the past year, but murder is no longer track. Second, the United Nations ought the routine and almost daily instrument of to ask itself whether February is not a bit ton sonn to leave.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

A Bad Trip for Dole

best traveled cash in politics. It has been everywhere and back again. Mr. Dole has finally, or so at least we would like to think, landed on the right side of an issue that would not have been an issue but for his own actions.

We refer to the earlier decision to return a campaign contribution to the group, the Log Cabin Republicans. A month ago Mr. Dole was saying that "what I didn't want was the perception that we were buying into some special rights for any group, whether it is ... gays or anyone else." He also said that while he did not keep careful track of his fund-raising, "if it's somebody with a special agenda, we're not going to accept their money."

Leave aside the fact that if turning back money from groups with "special agendas" were a rule applied consistently, all campaigns would be much poorer and. conceivably, the nation would be better off. The fact is that now - or at least as of Wednesday - Mr. Dole thinks the whole Log Cabin business was a mistake. Following the worst possible form in such maners, he tried to push responsibility off on his staff. "If they'd have consulted me we wouldn't have done that, wouldn't have renimed it," he told reporters on

That \$1,000 that the gay Republican group gave to Senator Bob Dole's presidential campaign has to be some of the last traveled are him activities. The solution of the last traveled are him activities to be some of the last traveled are him activities. us as very good management, very good politics or, for that matter, very good news in a man who aspires to be president.

It would have been far better if the Senate majority leader had said he had changed his mind. His problem was never that anyone suspected him of intolerance. On the contrary, his past record of openness was precisely why the Log Cabin Republicans gave him the money in the first place. Instead he has caused himself trouble by all this twisting and turning on issues in pursuit of votes. He has thus left the impression that the one and only issue on which be has a strong and unequivocal view is that Bob Dole should be the 1996 Republican nominee.

The spokesman for the Log Cabin group, announcing that in fact the \$1,000 can now have a rest since another contribution "would be a long time coming," offered this commentary: "Bob Dole has been good on our issues, but he's trying to be on all sides of the question. You begin to see the Bill Clinton thing of being everything to everybody, so you end up being nothing to anybody." Could it have come out much worse for Mr. Dole?

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EDITORIALS/OPINION

The News About Chinese-Indian Relations Is Good

NEW DELHI — Will Asian giants India and China be rivals or partners in the coming Pacific century? The stakes are high. While Beijing seeks to be the dom-inant power in East Asia. New Delhi has already achieved strategic preeminence in South Asia. The two compete for the same foreign investment, export markets and development assistance. Their military es-tablishments target ballistic missiles and deploy troops against each other.

However, the two regional powers are quietly but gradually forging a partnership that could change the shape of Asian and international relations for the better. Despite lingering suspicions and potentially conflicting national interests, China and India are erasing the animosity of the last 30 years and laying the foundation of a cooperative relationship.

With more than a third of the world's population, continental land masses, two of the oldest civilizations, large and modemizing militaries, rapidly growing economies and export bases, the India-China relationship is of global importance. Both countries still shoulder a burden of

mass poverty that will take several generations to remove. But both have opened to foreign investment and are moving down the free market path. China is considerably ahead, but India has entered the race. In the last year, foreign investors have made a marked turn away from ChiBy David Shambaugh

na toward India and Southeast Asia. Neither country has a convertible currency. and both have to deal with large and ailing state sectors. They have far to go in opening protected domestic markets and meeting conditions for entry into the World Trade Organization. Nonetheless, the necessary restructuring has begun.

Since 1962, when they clashed in a border war over contested territory in the Himalayas, relations have been frozen in confrontation. New Delhi and Beijing continue to dispute 128,000 square kilometers, much of it occupied by Chinese forces after the 1962 war. But in recent years incremental steps have been taken to normalize relations and defuse tensions. The process began in 1988 when then Prime Minister Rajly Gandhi paid a state visit to Beijing. That opened the way for subsequent high-level visits by both sides in the last five years.

Bilateral trade amounted to \$1 billion in 1994, treble the level in 1992. Joint venture investments, while still not large, are also rising. Cultural and scholarly exchanges are taking place, and a joint committee for cooperation in science and technology has been established.

There has been collaboration in the sensitive area of nuclear power. India

bought low-enriched uranium from China for one of its reactors after the United States and France refused the sale.

China has significantly shifted its position on the sensitive issue of Kashmir. from advocating independence to now describing the question as one to be settled between India and Pakistan under the 1974 Simla agreement. Beijing continues to disapprove of India harboring the Dalai Lama, and privately accuses New Delhi of supporting his attempts to achieve in-dependence for Tibet, but this criticism is

not as vituperative as in the past. These incremental steps have laid the foundation for the two sides to tackle their biggest problem, border disputes. In 1993 an agreement was signed that led to the formation of joint working groups to demarcate the disputed territory. Confidence-building measures have been established and trade crossing points opened. Last month, in the ninth round of the joint work group, it was agreed that both countries would withdraw from the eyeball-toeyeball standoff in the eastern sector.

Despite the border conflict and mutual suspicions, defense ministers and military delegations have been exchanged. Recently the two sides agreed to a bilateral security dialogue. Two Indian naval vessels

paid port calls to Shanghai last month. Each country views the other with sus-picion. Defense experts in New Delhi

suggest that China is trying to encircle India through military assistance programs to Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Burma. Chinese upgrading of Burmese naval bases and the construction of a

submarine base and radar installation on Burma's Coco Islands in the Andaman Sea are viewed with particular alarm. Analysts in New Delhi see these moves as an attempt by China to establish a longterm naval presence in the Indian Ocean. Last year, Chi Haotian, the Chinese de-

Indian Ocean is not India's ocean. The analysts also point with alarm to China's whole military modernization program. For their part, Chinese security specialists say India is seeking "regional

fense minister, publicly asserted that "the

hegemony" in South Asia. There will doubtless be an element of strategic competition in the India-China relationship in the years to come, but the moves to normalize relations are the more notable trend at present. That is just as well, because the relationship between the two giants will assume an increasingly important place in the emerging balance of power in post-Cold War Asia.

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Spying on Japanese Friends Isn't Necessarily a Brilliant Idea

TOKYO — Anyone who has worked in a Western foreign ministry knows the value of intelligeoce material, particularly from U.S. electronic eavesdropping. But, as the fuss over revelations of CIA spying during recent U.S.-Japanese car talks sbows well, for every spy plus there is often a minus. And in this case the minuses clearly out-

weigh the pluses. The United States may have gained some slight bargaining advantage in the car talks as a result. But its friends in Japan are badly embarrassed. And the United States has harmed its trusted-elder-brother status here, U.S. freedom to make diplomatic and military demands on Japan that most

By Gregory Clark

other large sovereign nations would reject is now under threat.

And all these minuses are for a car agreement of dubious value in the first place.

Japan has long been a bonanza for Western intelligence agen-cies. Top officials will talk to anyone who cares to befriend them. Secrets are lightly guarded. Until recently anyone could walk into the Gaimusho (Foreign Ministry)

building without challenge,
Japan lost the last war in part because its code-makers had a belief that foreigners could not even read Japanese, let alone coded Japanese. Since the war the same casual attitude has continued.

Just 20 years ago, the Australian intelligence services tried to boost their domestic status by leaking details of how their interceptions of commercial communications from Japan were protecting the Australian interest. The CIA seems to want to play the

nomic intelligence.

But the downside in all this is quite large, and not just because the long tolerant Japanese are be-

same game, now that it has been

instructed to concentrate on eco-

ginning to take umbrage. Planting covert spies in foreign countries jeopardizes the position of the many genuine academics. journalists and diplomats trying

to work in those countries. Commercial intelligence gathering can be particularly harmful since it is only of use if it is passed to those involved in commerce. which both allows the spies to play favorites in the business community and greatly increases the risk of leaks.

Most intelligence gleanings are of low grade and could be easily uncovered by trained researchers. Yet within governments greater weight is often given to spy-supplied materials than to much more reliable material from professional observers.

In 1975, Canberra managed to wreck important commercial treaty negotiations with Japan on the basis of spurious material provided by an intelligence agency seeking desperately to maintain status in a four-way intelligence exchange arrangement (America, Britain, Canada, Australia).

And what happens if Tokyo de-cides it should have its own powerful intelligence agency? The current leader of Japan's powerful Liberal Democratic Party and likely future prime minister, Ryutaro Hashimoto, is a well-known hawk. The West should be bending over backward to keep its spies from provoking Japan.

The writer, a former Australian diplomat now doing academic work in Japan, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

Agreement at Last on the Old Notion of Partitioning Palestine

JERUSALEM — At the recent signing in Washington of the second implementation agreement of the Oslo accord between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin declared: "We are not alone in this land. And so we are sharing this good earth today with the Palestinian people in order to

choose life. It was the first time since the end of the fighting in 1967 that a prime minister reaffirmed explicitly Israel's support for settlement by partition of the land between the

wo peoples inhabiting it.

The idea of meeting the conflicting claims of Jews and Arabs in Palestine by partition was first recommended by the Peel Commission, appointed by the British government in 1936. In its report, submitted in July 1937, the commission concluded:

'Partition means that the Arabs must acquiesce in the exclusion from their sovereignty of territory long occupied and ruled by them. It means that the Jews must be ple. The total number of the Jew-

By Gideon Rafael This is the first of two articles.

content with less than the Land of ish population who perished at the Israel [that] they once ruled and hands of the Nazi executioners is have hoped to rule again." The Zionist Congress, meeting

in Zurich in 1937, accepted the partition proposal as basis for negotiations with the British mandatory government. The Arabs rejected it outright. Teo years later, after World

War II and the Holocaust, the UN

General Assembly resolved on

Nov. 29, 1947, to partition the country into a Jewish and an Arab state linked by economic union. Andrei Gromyko, representing the Soviet Union strongly supported the resolution, expressed the prevailing motivation for its adoption: "The Jewish people have been closely linked with Palestine for a considerable period in history. As a result of the war, the Jews as a people have suffered more than any other peo-

estimated at approximately 6 million. The Jewish people are therefore striving to create a state of their own, and it would be unjust to deny them that right."
The Jewish representatives ac-

cepted the compromise. The Arab governments and the Arab Higher Executive of Palestine rejected it. The Arab League, defying the injunction of the partition resolution "to refrain from any action which might hamper its implementation," decided to intervene militarily against the state of Israel upon its proclamation on May 15, 1948. Encircled and invaded, Israel defended alone, with heavy losses, its physical and sovereign existence against the onslaught of

six fully equipped Arab armies.
The United Nations deplored the attack but refrained from any effective measure to uphold its

sion since the founding of the world organization.

The United Nations contented itself with repeated cease-fire resolutions and the dispatch of military observers to supervise their frequently violated observance. After the defeat of the invading

forces, the Security Council suc-cessfully pressured the participants in the fighting to enter into armistice negotiations. During the first half of 1949 the UN mediator, Ralph Bunche, an American endowed with remarkable diplomatic talent and creativity. guided the warring parties toward conclusion of separate comprehensive armistice agreements with Egypt and Syria.

The agreements committed the signers to refrain permanently from all acts of hostility and to establish relations of lasting peace. Until its attainment, the armistice lines, reflecting the territorial changes resulting from Israel's successful defense and differing substantially from the original partition boundaries, formed de facto partition lines between Israel and its neighbors.

They remained in force until the Six Day War in 1967, when Egypt, Jordan and Syria, which in disregard of their obligations had maintained a state of active belligerency, had to evacuate the territories controlled by them since the conclusion of the armistice agreements. Consequently, Sinai, Gaza, the West Bank and the Golan Heights became territories occupied by Israel.

The acceptance by the UN sec-retary-general of Egypt's ultima-tum of May 17, 1967, to withdraw the UN peacekeeping force sta-tioned since 1957 on the Egyptian side of the border with Israel and at the strategic position of Sharm el

own decision, let alone assist the first victim of international aggrestic Gulf of Aqaba contributed more than anything else to the outbreak of the war in 1967.

The UN capitulation to Nass-er's diktat dealt a staggering blow to UN peacekeeping in the Mid-dle East. It affected irredeemably the world body's relevance as an instrument of war prevention and peace promotion.

Not that the United Nations had failed to try its hand at peacemaking. Even before the dust of battle had settled, it invited in April 1949 Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon to meet with Israel in a peace conference in Switzerland, to be managed by a special Conciliation Commission composed of representatives of the United States, Turkey and France.

The conference suffered from basic flaws. First, the conciliators were unable to reconcile their different viewpoints; second, they had gathered the four Arab states as one single group whose interests diverged widely; third, the only thing that united the Arab group was refusal to meet with the delegates of Israel, nor did it agree to admit Palestinian representatives.

In its predicament, the Conciliation Commission replaced the working sessions with effusive dinner parties, beld, of course, separately, for the Arab and the Israel delegates. This curious procedure of peacekeeping prompted this writer, who happened to represent Israel, to end the feasting with an irreverent toast: "Never have so few diplomats consumed so many calories and produced so little energy."

The writer, a former directorgeneral of the Israel Foreign Ministry and involved in the work of the United Nations since 1947. contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Bicycle Craze

with its constant improvements and its patronage by fashion, has wrought sad havoc among certain trades which formerly enjoyed a lucrative business. Prominent among the victims of this vehicle of the century is Brewster, the well known fashionable carriage builder of New York. Brewster's business died of a malady caused by the bicycle microbe. Regarding the carriage-building business generally, it has been diminished by one fourth — perhaps more.

1920: No More War

PARIS — [The Herald says in an editorial:] Baron Hayashi, the new British Court, has made a stateto the relations of his own country with the United States of America. He received the suggestion of an Americo-Japanese war "with He has shot himself."

serene vivacity." "War? War?" he exclaimed. "But think for a PARIS — The insinuating bicycle, moment! What serious statesman, what sensible person, on either side of the Pacific, could entertain such a thought? As if the lessons of the late war had been lost upon the world, and had not taught every thoughtful nation that nowadays war is not a paying proposition.

> 1945: Hitler Dead FRANKFURT - The opinion

held by high American Military officers that Adolf Hitler is dead has been strengthened by the Führer's former chauffeur, who told that he had helped burn that bodies of Hitler and Eva Braun. The chauffeur, Erich Kempka, insists that he helped burn the two Japanese Ambassador to the bodies on April 30 near the Führer's bunker at the Reichs. ment intended to be reassuring as chancellery in Berlin, Reporting to the Fulnerbunker at 1500 hours. Kempka was met by Guensche with the words "The Chief is dead.

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Farrakhan, Simpson and Powell WASHINGTON — Here a contrarian take on the By William Safire

three quite different men. On Louis Farrakhan: These nounced terrorism. Jews should questions arise. If be was smart enough to come up with the ripe idea that attracted so many peaceful demonstrators, why didn't he tone down his anti-Semitism in the run-up to the march? Why did he have to turn off many people who were ready to ignore his past remarks by again calling Jews "bloodsuckers" preying on the "black na-tion"? The answer: Anti-Semitism has always worked for him, just as the device has

worked for demagogues for thousands of years. A group being appealed to as outcast or maltreated needs someone to blame for its victimhood, but the chosen object must oot be strong enough to retaliate. Time and again, Jewbaiting has satisfied this need

for "safe hate" — a scapegoat is not expected to fight back. There is this bonus: The subsequent disgusted reaction of the majority, black and white, elevates the demagogue to sustained controversiality, which further spreads his fame and

drawing power. So the leader of the Nation of Islam returned to his root message. Then, equally shrewdly, cannot invoke the Fifth Amendspeaking to a much wider audience on the Mall and on tele- would have to answer questions vision, he offered to negotiate with the bloodsuckers; after all, if Jews could deal with Yasser after an acquittal in state court Arafat, why not with him?

The logical answer is that no-

enter into a dialogue with Mr. Farrakhan when he renounces anti-Semitism and demonstrates his sincerity by cutting out the slurs and enforcing rhetorical discipline among his disciples. No apology needed; just stop.

He won't. By scorning that

necessary condition as "crawl-

ing on my knees" - which it is surely not - he makes positive communication with most Americans, especially Jews, impossible. Some Jews are ready to negotiate with anybody on anything (and would treat the reduction of "bloodsuckers" to mere "racist exploiters" as great progress), but most find hope in the nonviolent camaraderie of the marchers, who deserve leaders unafraid to reject the path of dis-integration.

On O. J. Simpson: At the risk of getting a call from him, let me counter the view that be will be forced to testify at a civil trial. We are told that because he

has been acquitted, he cannot again face criminal charges on the murders; that would be double jeopardy. Because he cannot be tried again, he cannot in-criminate himself, and therefore ment; that is why we assume he under oath in a civil suit.

But in the Rodney King case. and an ensuing riot, the accused police officers were retried on a body would deal with Mr. federal criminal charge of deny-Arafat until he publicly re- ing Mr. King his civil rights, and

convicted. (Some of us felt that

that was double jeopardy.)
Mr. Simpson's lawyers might point to this precedent and argue that anything their client says in a civil suit brought by the murder victims' families could be used against him in any subsequent criminal trial - whether a federal charge of denying the victims their civil rights, or some other crime revealed by the new information. It would be possible for Mr. Simpson to incriminate himself — which would give him the right to take the Fifth.

Another way to avoid a deposition is to distribute his assets to his lawyers — he must owe them plenty - and go bankrupt. He stands mute, loses the civil case, and lets the victims' families possess his Ferrari and Bentley. On a book that tells the story his way, his future earnings would be his own. The point: Don't be ton sure

of getting "the truth."
On Colin Powell, a happier note: His flintation with independency was never serious. He has repositioned himself to be "generally in line with the Christian right' and realigned to most of the Contract With America. Like most respectables, he frowned at Mr. Farrakhan and smiled on the

marchers. That all suggests that he will throw his stars in the Republican ring not long after Veterans Day. This could pull in Newt Gingrich and thereby help Bob Dole. Then we can talk less about racism and more about the upcoming race.

The New York Times.

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OPINION/LETTERS

*In Dealing With Militants, France Must Hold Steady

By Flora Lewis

DARIS — The latest bomb attack end the terrible colonial war by I on a commuter train in the heart of Paris is confirmation that the super-stringent new anti-terrorist measures here cannot guarantee protection. It also confirms that the French police made a costly mistake in killing Khaled Kelkal, a prime suspect in previous attacks, when they tracked him down last month, whether or not it was justifiable

The troubling supposition now is that there are several, more or less autonomous, terrorist cells operating in France, not a single one that could be dismantled at a swoup. Interrogating Mr. Kelkal might have produced a great deal more information about the campaign than the murky suspicions now available.

Evidently, the campaign stems from the civil war in Algeria, and it seems to reflect the division among the Islamists fighting the military government there. The most radical, opposed to any idea of dialogue and the internal negotiations that France supports, use the menace of violence (they even call it war) in France in an attempt to force Paris to withdraw

its help for the government. President Jacques Chirac quickly made clear that if the Paris bombings were intended to frighten him into abandoning his meeting with President Liamine Zeroual of Algeria at the UN summit meeting in New York

this weekend, they did not work. He has been huttressed by the remarkably sober reaction of the French public and the several million Algerian immigrants or descen-dants who live here. Of course people are worried, but there has been no panic or mindless acts of retribution that would escalate and spread the impact of violence. The terrorists can still kill and maim, but they have not terrorized. That is the most effective defense.

It would be churlish and counterproductive to withhold sympathy and respect for this response by the government and the public because Mr. Chirac has been equally adamant in rejecting demands that France cancel scheduled nuclear tests in Polynesia. The issues are quite different. Generalized France-bashing makes no sense.

And yet there are historical, subtle links between the two issues. France transferred its nuclear test site from Algeria's southern Sahara to the Pacific when President Charles de Gaulle was preparing to

granting Algeria independence.

For the colonists, Algeria was France. As his minister of information, Alain Peyrefitte, oow tells in a revealing book, de Gaulle decided elearly and without qualms that France was not Algeria, despite the threat of civil war in the homeland.

The result, however, was long and disastrous misrule by the cliques that won in Algeria. France is now blamed for its indifference to what was going on, which led to the rise of militant fundamentalists out to overthrow the military regime.

De Gaulle pursued an atomic arsenal to demonstrate French independence and standing as a power. He judged withdrawing from Algeria essential for the same goals.

And yet, it is now clear that France cannot escape Algeria or its respon-sibility to those Algerians who cling to Western values against the murderous behavior of both the militants and the military in their be-

Terrorism in France is aimed at convincing Paris that it would be easier and safer to cut remaining links with Algeria, to forget it. But that is an illusion that is not accepted. North Africa, especially Algeria, is a neighbor and, however turbulent and hostile relations have been at times. an incluctable partner.

There is no easy choice for France now, but it must do what it can to help Algerians resolve their esome conflict and establish a

healthier, more productive regime. There may be a temptation to strike a deal with the perpetrators of violence. This has happened in the past: shadowy accords pledging to halt terrorism on French soil or release hostages in return for noninterference with acts of violence elsewhere, even using France as a base.

They worked for a while, but they were demeaning and disloyal to the values France proclaims. That is why they were never acknowledged. Nothing of the sort should be repeated; it would only increase the danger.

On grounds of security, France has meanly come to almost close its doors to Algerian refugees threatened with death at home. Still, it is to the credit of both government and public that it is not being terrorized or diverted from the permanent need for friendly relations with Algeria. Steady on is the best course for

O Flora Lewis.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

official corruption, or kick out the

auditors and return to "sovereign

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The Ugandan offer would be dif-

ficult for many IMF and World Bank

borrowers to emulate. Political lead-

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however, form the basis for a new

standard of accountability and trans-

parency between those two multi-

lateral banks of last resort and an

increasingly profligate group of na-

Good governance would be re-

warded and the world's poor given a

genuine boost. An IMF initiative in

response to Uganda's offer would

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between leaders and borrowers.

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posed and become serviceable.

Uganda's Example

Uganda, which was called the "pearl of Africa" hy Winston Churchill in colonial days, is oow showing Africa the way forward. Having suffered political and economic chaos during the regimes of Idi Amin and Milton Obote, Uganda's new president, Yoweri Museveni, has proposed something new and dramatic. With 48 percent of its mountain of \$3 billion of foreign debt owed to the World Bank, on soft terms (costing \$30 million to service in 1994), and 12 percent of its debt owed to the IMF, on hard terms (costing \$70 million), Uganda has become the first nation anywhere to merit improved "Naples Terms" debt forgiveness (67 percent rather than 33 percent) on some of its bi-lateral or "Paris Cluh" debt recently, due to its demonstrated commitment to strict financial disciplines.

To IMF and World Bank manement, President Museveni has offered an extraordinary partial ab-rogation of Uganda's "sovereignin a vigorous effort to eliminate corruption from its public sector.

Mr. Museveni has offered to pay to maintain the requisite number of resident, externally appointed auditors to monitor the public sector's An Idea for Spratlys performance for up to 20 years. Dur-

ing this time, a portion of IMF/ History suggests that the proposed solution to the Spratly Islands World Bank debt servicing would be dispute ("The Solution for the forgiven immediately and the debt Spratly Islands Ought to Look Like principal gradually forgiven. Should This," Oct. 10) won't work. a subsequent government revert to

"Multilateral development" of the area under a "Spratly Manage-ment Authority" would likely suffer the same fate as the failed deepseabed mining provisions of the Law of the Sea Convention. Joint development of rich mineral resources is seldom practical due to differences in technology and in-

vestment amoog competing states.

A better idea would be to create an international marine park in the Spratlys under an agreement similar to the Antarctic Treaty. Territorial claims would be suspended, military forces excluded, and the area developed for benign uses such as research and ecotourism. The proceeds of sustainable fisheries could be al-

located among all parties.

Rather than being destroyed by oil and gas development, the fragile coral reefs of the Spratlys would be preserved for the benefit of help re-establish the basis of trust all nations.

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Hello Carol, and Farewell To a Golden Theater Era

By Tom Shales

WASHINGTON — I expected to be amused, to be charmed and to be cheered up. But I did not expect to be touched, moved and even thrilled. And yet I was, sitting there in the opera house of the Kennedy Center and watching Carol Channing in "Hello, Dolly!"

I felt the room swaying and the band playing one of my old favorite

songs from way back when. And I was transported back

through the years 10 my intensive theatergoing days, before television

MEANWHILE

took over my life, and all the great times I'd had seeing some of the great American musicals.

I saw Rex Harrison in a revival of "My Fair Lady," Zero Mostel in a revival of "Fiddler on the Ronf" and when I was very young, Barbra Streisand hitting home runs as "Funny Girl" and Ethel Merman blowing the lid off the theater in ''Gypsy.'

It seems such a shame, in this century of film and electronic recording, that legendary performances like these have not been permanently preserved so future generations can share in them.

Yul Brynner did star in the movie version of "The King and I," Ms. Streisand in "Funny Girl" and Robert Preston in "The Music Man," but even these are not the same as the recording of a live the-

atrical performance would be. In its first decade, television tried to be a theater in the home. Live plays aired several times every week. And hig stars appeared on variety shows like Ed Sullivan's to plug current Broadway musicals. Mr. Harrison and Julie Andrews did oumbers from "Fair Lady" one Sunday night. And years earlier, Mary Martin and Ezio Pinza did a few of the hits from "South Pacifie."

For a TV special, Mary Martin recreated ber Broadway smasb as 'Peter Pan," first in black and white and then again in color. That version, shot on early videotape, survives to this day and is available on home video. It's a real pick-meup, in more ways than one.

Because it was much more costeffective to film programs and rerun them into infinity, television unfor-tunately turned from being a Broadway theater in the home to being a movie theater in the home. The creative center shifted from New York

to Hollywood. TV lost a lot in the

transition. We all did.

Most of the greats, the true giants of the musical theater, are gone, so Carol Channing, up on that stage as Dolly Levi, has to represent them all. And she does. She also embodies a tradition, an ideal, a cherished part of 20th-century Americana. We Americans didn't just give the world sit-coms and hlue jeans and rock 'n' roll. We also gave it musical comedy.

It all rests there on her 74-yearold shoulders. Wow wow wow, fellas. Look at the old girl now, fellas.

"Dolly" has now moved on to
New York, after months of touring
the country, and if you haven't seen
it yet, you've deprived yourself not
only of having a wonderful time but also of witnessing a living moment of cultural history, a golden farewell to a golden era. Carol Channing In "Hello, Dolly!" is the ninth wonder of the world. (King Kong was the eighth, remember?)

For Ms. Channing, the Washing-ton run was something of a home-coming. She opened here in "Hello, Dolly!" during a pre-Broadway tryout in 1963. Incredibly, the Washington premiere took place less than a month after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. In the verse to the title tune, Dolly promises that "tomorrow will be brighter than the good old days." Who could have believed that then?

As a matter of fact, who could believe it now? And yet when Ms.

Channing sings it, you do believe. Because I'd written a gushy review of Ms. Channing in "Dolly," she issued an invitation to come backstage after the final Washington performance on Sunday, Oct. 8. Backstage is one of my least favorite places; it's so easy to be in everybody's way and feel like a geek. But I went, Ms. Channing greeted me with her Cinemascopic smile and those full-moon eyes and

I held her hand. What a doll, What a Dolly.

If Ms. Channing were the worse for wear, or tottering around, the eutrent revival of "Hello, Dolly!" would not be the immensely rewarding pleasure that it is. It would be a little depressing. But she seems fine. Sbe's in great shape. Sbc's still, amazingly enough, in her prime, and watching her up there on stage gives you the gratifying, reassuring, spine-tingling sensation that maybe you're still in your prime, too.

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PALIMPSEST: A Memoir

\$27.50. Random House.

IN one of the typically biting stories that Gore Vidal tells en for him in London in the early 1960s, E.M. Forster Isherwood when the latter kept

Vidal continues, "I really disliked Forster. Worse, I really liked his books." Forster could have calmed Isherwood by saying: "Yes, Christopher, I got the book. We'll talk later." Instead, by refusing to acknowl-edge Isherwood, Forster com-

This is important to know, because much cruelty is present in this memoir - on the author's part, in varying degrees, toward most of the people be

By Gore Vidal. 440 pages.

Reviewed by Christopher Lehmann-Haupt

in this caustie memoir, he recalls how at a literary party givpointedly ignored Christopher asking, "Morgan, did you get the copy of Prater Violet' I sent

mitted what Vidal deplores as an act of "gratuitous cruelty."

By Alan Truscott

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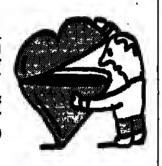
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Consultants, is reading "The Tragedy of American Compassion" by Marvin Olasky,
"It analyzes what is wrong with 'us' in our welfare states. which we all live in."

(Charlotte Sector, IHT)



has ever known — and one feels relieved by his implicit reassurance that none of it is gratuitous. This means there is motive for the little digs, the nasty gossip, the subtle put-downs that flavor so much of

the book. Actually, the reason for the cruelty in most cases is self- is the reason Vidal writes so evidently one of revenge. Revenge is apparently the reason Vidal skewers Anais Nin and Truman Capote so exuberantly. because, as he insists, they lied

Revenge is the reason he writes that directing Charlton Heston must be like trying "to animate an entire lumberyard," presumably because Heston tried to deny Vidal credit for his work on the script of "Ben More significantly, revenge

spitefully about the Kennedy family, particularly his half-sister's stepsister, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, whom he calls, among other wicked things, 'selfish and self-ag-grandizing beyond the usual.' about him repeatedly. Revenge is even the reason be carries on at such great length about his mother. Nina Kay Gore, whom be finally banished from his life for mak-**BRIDGE**

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and brought home the slam.

The lead of the club ace now squeezed West in the red suits

So what was the weird fea-

ture? The declarer points out

the effect of strengthening the

clarer, Nicholas Pasarello, ing him miserable.

Wondering why he "bothered with her at all," he writes, cashed the spade ace, led to the diamond ace, and prayed that the king would fall. "I am beginning to think she knew how to play on a sadistic streak in me." His prayer was answered, and he then ruffed a heart, cashed the spade king and en-tered dummy with a club lead.

Three trumps were cashed, have been wounded in some way by her withholding of 'motherly love": He quotes NORTH Georges Simenon explaining that a novelist's 'need to create other people' may arise from this deprivation.

But as Vidal himself points out, this comes dangerously Christopher Lehmann-Haupt close to a Freudian outlook on is on the staff of the New York

He even implies that he may

sidered completely misguided. To explain his own psychology, he prefers Plato's "Symposium, in which Aristophanes tells his dinner companions that there were once three sexes -- each shaped like a globe — male, female and

hermaphrodite.

Each was split by the king of the gods for behaving oftensively, and each has ever after sought reunion, to make itself whole again.

Vidal writes that he found his male other half in one Jimmy Trimble, a classmate at St. Alban's school who died in 1945.

at 20, at Iwo Jima. Never again has the author been in love, be says, even though be has slept with thousands of young men (and the occasional woman, he hints), always as the seducer and the

assertive partner, and even though for 40 years he has lived, sexlessly, with his com-panion, Howard Auster. This somewhat oversimple psychology is reflected in the author's outlook on the world, the downside of which is a two-dimensional view of politics: America's only concern in fighting two world wars was imperial, and the country would have been better off remaining isolated; the Cold War was a concoction of American mil-

The upside is a sort of unified-field theory of human baseness, which permits Vidal to write about everyone, including himself, with an amusing cynicism. Still, you have to wonder if

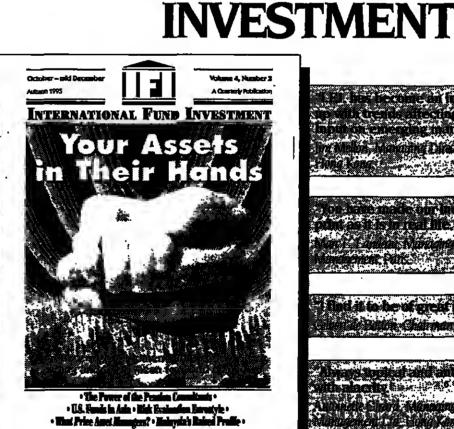
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he has gotten to the bottom of himself. Why does he seem to care so much about his eventual break with the Kennedys?

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Classic-Kooky Chanel: An Explosion of Color

By Suzy Menkes

ARIS - With two pre-teen girls prancing down the runway in Chanel denim, Karl Lagerfeld brought the lust for the label below the age of consent. His exuberant show Thursday was the effective end of the spring-summer season

'After 10 days of shows, I wanted to end on a gay note with an explosion of color," said Lagerfeld to explain his fast-paced

PARIS FASHION

show with its easy jackets swinging sportively over khaki pants and the models aden with Chanel carriers aping the movie

The buyers were in their usual ecstasy and why wouldn't they be? The show was stuffed with client clothes from the buttonless, edge-to-edge tweed jackets to the dainty coat dresses in sweet-pea tweeds or the steel gray designer denim, with the inevitable double C logo on the back pocket of brief shorts.

Yet there was something more cynical and cocksure than ever in Lagerfeld's cal-culated mix of classic and kooky.

The power of the Chanel name was emphasized by a giant globe at the back of the runway. That split open to reveal Clau-dia Schiffer, recovering from a tennis strain, who stomped out on a cane that pierced a Chanel bag.

Voila! A witty photo op — and a client pleaser, as the supermodel wore a candy pink tweed jacket with beige pants.

How else to beef up these simple jackets

and tailored blazers at the commercial heart of the collection? Show them over nothing but bare flesh so that the pho-

tographers have something to snap.
Other designers have dumped jewelry, but Lagerfeld was smart eoough to make it gilt-free: fine silver chains, dangling Chanel name plaques or the house's signature camellia.

You thought there was no new zone for Chanel to conquer? Try this for size; minuscule Chanel pasties offering a fig-leaf of cover for the bosoms. These barely-there bikini tops were worn with nylon sborts and shirt jackets which - like a new flatbuckled silver belt - were Lagerfeld's take on Prada.

Snakeskin shoes and boots also absorbed current trends and gave them the imprimatur of Chanel.

There is something unsettling about a show that admits that you can sell anything, as long as it carries the red-hot Chanel label - in vulgarly-large lettering on a terrycloth djellaba or discreetly on silky knits.

OR the fashion crowd, the play on good taste-bad taste might be funky and funny. But wby should such a prestige show contain the ghastly as well as the gorgeous, as in the cheap-looking Empire-line velour dresses in screaming colors worn under butter-soft

The answer was on the soundtrack crooned during the finale of evening jackets braided in tacky plastic: "That's the

Magic of Chanel." Hervé Léger's show was quite some achievement. There against a backdrop of his newly-opened boutique, was supermodel Cindy Crawford, bosoms aquiver as she sashayed in her scarlet-woman gown. And there in the front row, three (male) fashion executives were fast asleep.

What could Léger do to wake them up? Yet another stretch bandage dress molding a heavenly body? More sexy cutouts?

HEAR THIS

Linda McCartney has ordered a recall of her vegetarian burgers after a television program said their fat content was between 20 and 23 percent rather than the 11.2 percent listed on the package. McCartney was described by her spokesman as

More bandage-bra tops? He did all that and more: flesh-colored bandages overlaid with fishnet; with crunchy guipure lace; with spider's webs of chantilly lace.

ZZZZZZZZ. The audience snoozed on.

High voltage glamour is looking like yesterday's trend. But Jacques Fath plugged away at Liz Taylor (rose covered bonnets and bodices), Jackie Kennedy (shift dresses and hand-held purses) and Grace Kelly (tulle dance dresses). The frou

frou frolics ended in a shower of bubbles. Now that fashion has decided to look forward, rather than back, Michel Klein's 1940s dresses and berets seemed retro. But this sportswear collection, showing the influence of Prada, reinforced a message for bright color and print.

Léonard's show started with a silver leather and denim homage to veteran French rock star Johnny Halliday, whose putative next young-enough-to-be-his daughter wife, Laetitia Baudou, made a blushing bride appearance. In between came the flower prints for which Léonard is famed, in vivid colors and a graphic black

LTHOUGH there is no single message of the fashion season to beam to the consumer, the buyers have praised the Paris season. which has majored on color and fabric, both innovative synthetics and traditional

"I see the exuberance of color, the strength of the dress and evening clothes everywhere from Galliano through Valentino," said Rose Marie Bravo, president of Saks Fifth Avenue. She also praised the technological fabrics at Gaultier and well-executed revivals of 1970s themes — like the Yves Saint Laurent safari jacket.

"Color and ease," said Kalman Ruttenstein, fashion director of Bloomingdale's. "I see skirt lengths as either very Lang are pushing ahead."

The 1996 collections in both Paris and Milan have been ootable also for what they have not shown: the mid-leogth hemline that was touted last season has been quietly dropped — yet another example of a fash-ion that has been seen on the runways, but not in real life.

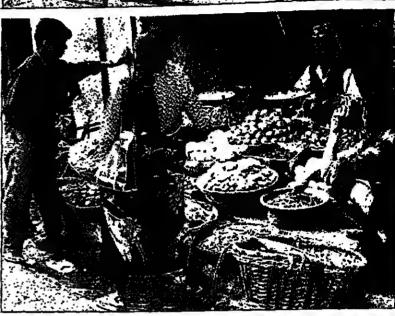
The London fashion shows run Friday through Tuesday, closing the three-week European fashion season, The New York shows then open on Oct. 28.



Chanel's teeny bikini top and shorts.







short or very long. There is incredible Preparing for an elephant safari at Tiger Tops; Durbar Square in Bhaktupar; a market scene. fabric technology. And the avant-garde like Ann Demeulemeester and Helmut

Escaping the Smog and Finding Old Nepal

By Susan Ram

ATMANDU - My first encounter with Nepal came in the early 1970s, when I speot a year there teaching English. Then only a decade or two out of prolonged isolation, the little kingdom seemed to invite the visitor to step back a few centuries.

There was the pristine green of the Katcolor and vitality of a Brueghel painting. The air, a heady cocktail of wood smoke, trial waste and gasoline furnes. incense and farmyard aromas, betokened adventure; and such was the visibility that come October and the retreat of monsoon clouds, the high ranges of the Himalayas materialized as a white wall of splendor.

quality. Crumbling brick houses whose carved wooden windows — delicately fil-igreed, ornamented with a profusion of plant For the visitor for whom Katma and animal life - testified to proud travisitor's eye but offered poor families scant

with printed cottons and beads, whom one tubercular. This was a harsh, semifeudal a king who has become a constitutional buildings and repaved its streets with herfigurehead. While mass poverty persists, a ringbone brickwork. Bhaktapur's magnifnew political order premised on accountfigure head. While mass poverty persists, a ringbone brickwork. Bhaktapur's magniffigure head with herthe second stage of our explorations inlived in India since 1976, wrote this for The
wildlife sanctuary in Nepal's Royal Chitwan

New York Times.

ability has placed land reform as well as royal palace and by a sequence of pagoda-improved education, health and other ser-style Hindu temples; one turns from the vices on the agenda.

When I returned to Nepal recently, Katmandu. I soon discovered, was no longer a city of medieval tableaux; it had been overwhelmed by the unexceptional brick and concrete structures of unplanned urban growth. Entire neighborhoods were unrecognizable. The rustic route along which I had bicycled to the university 25 years mandu Valley, a shade more luminous than earlier had lost to the developer its paddy even that of English meadows. There were fields and dozing farmsteads. There were drop of medieval buildings, possessed the nearby foothills could barely be distinuisbed through the smog of dust, indus-

package tourists, including, in their legions, trekkers bound for the Annapurna circuit But to live in Nepal at this time was also to and the Everest trail. Today much of what become sensitive to the squalor and back- survives of Katmandu's old bazaar area is wardness that coexisted with its picture book given over to the provisioning of this clientele, from backpacks and sleeping bags to

For the visitor for whom Katmandu is oot simply a place of passage, however, ditions of craftsmanship might delight the much of interest remains to be seen in its vicinity. Searching for the apparently lost Disease was rife among malnourished people living in densely populated neighborhoods bereft of drainage and plumbing. In rural areas, many of the women, bright reached by rented car.

Our first foray was to Bhaktapur (also saw trekking under leaden loads up moun-tain trails, had the backing cough of the meter) drive east of Katmandu. Once the capital of an independent kingdom, this Society, ruled by an absolutist monarchy.

In recent years, much has changed.
Since 1990, Nepal has been a multiparty democracy ruled by a new constitution and bacome a constitutional buildings and repaved its streets with herbuildings and

intricate woodcarving of the "Palace of 55 Windows" to the artistic masterpiece that is the Sun Dhoka (Golden Gate), with its delicately worked mythological scenes. Dominating the square is the five-storied Nyatapola Temple, one of the country's tallest Hindu structures, whose sequential tiled roofs are supported by extravagantly carved and painted beams and struts.

Less frequented by tourists than Bhaktapur is the hilltop town of Kirtipur, adthe street scenes that, set against a back- no views of Himalayan grandeur, even the joining Tribhuvan University west of Katmandu. A couple of centuries ago, its strategic location and long tradition of in-dependence encouraged the Gurkha con-formed into the familiar mix of curios shops. A quarter of a century ago, it was the queror Prithvi Narayan Shah to punish it travel agencies, trekking outfitters, pizza and drug-seeking counterculturist who came with a singular atrocity: he ordered his pie shops and cheap boarding houses. Yet it here in search of Xanadu. Then came the troops to cut off the noses and lips of every male inhabitant.

ARKING our vehicle in a little square framed by the royal palace and the Bagh Bhairab temple, we climbed to Kirtipur's western vantage point, the temple of Uma-Maheshwar commanding sweeping views of Katmandu and beyond. Then came a stroll through the township's medieval maze of alleys, lanes and squares. In one square a group of women worked at carpet making, banging flat the knots of a piece in progress.

The village of Bungamati, a four-mile drive south of Katmandu, offers a window on everyday rural life in the Katmandu Valley. We came across a sequence of woodcarvers' workshops; the craftsmen offered articles for sale, but with none of the pressure associated with Katmandu or even Bhaktapur. We bought a representation of the Hindu elephant god, Ganesh, and a delicately wrought wall piece featuring a pea-

strip of Nepal has been put to agricultural use, but stretches of its central and western portions have been preserved as wildlife sanctuaries comprising marshy grasslands and mixed deciduous forest. Of these, the Royal Chirwan Park is the oldest, most developed and most frequently visited. Our two-day stay at Tiger Tops Jungle Lodge was geared to our seeing as much as possible of the area's rich animal and bird life. Pokhara was our third Nepalese desti-

nation. As in Katmandu, the intervening quarter century had brought much touristoriented change. The meadows along Phewa seemed to me, during our two-day visit, that Pokhara had somehow retained its soul, had preserved its slow-paced rhythms and its reputation as a place of leisure and con-templation. Perhaps the weather helped. On the night of our arrival, heavy rain cleansed the air of springtime dust and haze. Early morning found guests hastening from their rooms to take in the resulting panorama. In the east, the soaring ramparts of Annapurna Il and IV caught the sun's first rays.

To the immediate north, Machha-puchhre (Fishtail Mountain) pushed its pyramid peak into the sky. In the west, Annapuma I and its companions continued the visual narrative, by turning blushing pink with the first touch of the sun.

We rented a boat and spent two hours on the lake before breakfast. As we watched, a curtain of cloud formed low and then slowly but inexorably ascended; one by one, the great peaks were engulfed. By nine o'clock not a shadow remained of the early morning magnificence.

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Directed by Tron Anh Hung. France. "Cyclo" refers both to the

bicycle driver and his vehi-

cle, which is the popular means of transportation in Viemam. Shot in Ho Chi Minh City, from a Vietnamese-French perspective. Hung has made a movie inspired by Martin Scorsese's "Taxi Driver" and Vittorio De Sica's "The Bicycle Thief' that looks intensely personal and modern. The young Cyclo (Le Van Loc) has his bike robbed and falls in with a gang led by a char-acter called the Poet (Tony Leung-Chiu Wai). Coincidentally, the Cyclo's sister (Tran Nu Yen Khe) is in love with this pimp Poet who sets her up, exploits her, and spies on her suffering. Everybody is searching for protection in a scary world, and they pay - the boy and his sister lose their innocence, the Poet self-destructs. Hung's first feature, the prize-winning "Scent of Green Papaya," a rather too beautiful nostalgic view of Vietnam, was shot in France. This poetic thriller, which was awarded the Golden Lioo in Venice, has

too many twists and turnings.

but the taste of Vietnam today is more pungent than any green papaya. Hung captures the confusion of lost people, pain and violence in a postwar underworld. Electricity is the air — characters are constantly getting shocks from faulty wiring — in the fluorescent lighting, rhythmic beat, and frantic movement of a convulsed city. (Joan Dupont, IHT)

Blue in the Face Directed by Paul Auster ond

Wayne Wang. U.S. When they finished shooting "Smoke," Paul Auster and Wayne Wang were in no hurry to go home. And Auster wasn't even far from bome, since the Brooklyn Cigar Co., the Park Slope store in which much of "Smoke" was set, is part of the neighborhood in which he lives. So they stayed in the store. They invited celebrities to drop by. They let the camera roll for long takes without interruption. Showing the actors signs that read "Boring!" or "Get to the Point" or "2 Minute Warning" was as close as Wang and Auster came to directing "Blue in the Face," their new cine-



Harvey Keitel and Jim Jarmusch in "Blue in the Face."

"Smoke." "Blue in the Face" got its title because the actors, it was said jokingly. were free to talk until they reached that point. Some joke: this thing could have been a nightmare. Instead, it's good-humored, try-anything fun. Harvey Keitel once again makes a fine master of

ceremonies at the cigar store, presiding over the antics and looking genuinely amused by much of what he sees. (Janet Maslin, NYT)

Persuasion Directed by Roger Michell.

"Persuasion" is Jane Austen's lyrical story of lost love, with the unexpected reward of a happy ending. The heroine, Anne Elliot, tossed away love at 19, convinced by her friend Lady Russell that a penniless naval officer was no match for the daughter of a baronet. The story begins eight years later, when Anne is 27 and therefore on the verge of 19thcentury spinsterhood. Anne is perfectly portrayed by Amanda Root in Roger Michell's lovely and subtle film. When the newly rich Wentworth and her cousin William re-enter her life, she gets one, and maybe two, late chances at marriage. Anne is the same center around which Austen constructs the most hitter and redeeming of her social satires. All this is brilliantly captured by Michell, with the screenwriter Nick Dear and a cast completely in sync with Austen's warm but piercing style. Their "Per-suasion" is profoundly truthful io many ways: in its sense of emotional longing; in its natural, unglamorized visual beauty; in its fidelity to the delicate tone of Austen's satire and romance.

(Caryn James, NYT)

At Palais Royal, Unfussy Bistro Fare 711

By Patricia Wells International Herald Tribune

ARIS—Historic settings ultimately create their own ambience and turn quickly to romantic stage sets, especially in Paris. Such could be the case with the young Restaurant du Palais Royal, which opened this summer under the arches of the 17th-century Palais Royal, originally built as Richelieo's Palais-Cardinal.

During the summer months, I spent many agreeable hours - lunch time and dinner time — seated at the edge of the refined gardens, watching the play of Parisians as they passed through, paused, and lingered here

Chef Bruno Hess has created a simple, no nonsense menu for the restaurant, and his food serves as a fine, modern backdrop for a square laden with history. Now that we're required to dine indoors, the setting is less romantic, less airy, but given the right electricity it could be just as grat-

ifying.

With the feel of an elegant 1920s bistro, with crisp ocher linens and mirrors that reflect out onto the stone arches, metal tes and garden beyond, the restaurant feels like a safe city haven.

Maybe the ghosts of the past simply need to

be hushed away.

If you're in the mood for simple, unfussy fare, go for the salade de saison aux herbes, a veritable forest of tiny greens and herb, served in a copious, well-dressed mound. I often opt for the simple grilled bar de ligne, sea bass caught on a line, not in a net. The fish is grilled to perfection, arriving moist,

fresh-tasting, sure to satisfy. The daily friture is overly copious and fried in a batter that's too heavy for the tiny

éperlans, or smelt. But that won't keep one from popping the miniature, whole fish into one's mouth like popcom.

Daily specials this time of year might inclode a platter of six giant crinkleshelled, creuses oysters from Brittany, with their welcome Bordeaux-style accompa-A small spark is still missing here and it's hard to say what it will take to ignite it:

a gratin dish overflowing with nicely iteed wild cèpes mushrooms.

While city restaurants are about to reach tartare overkill, I have to admit that Hess's versions are delicious though they lack eye appeal, since he flattens them out on the plate rather than serving the tartares in a tempting mound.

His first course tartare of smoked salmon and dorade has that chunky, cutby-hand look, and the combination is de-

The smoked salmon gives it that full-

flavored edge you can't get out of raw salmon, no matter how well you season.

The main course beef tartare is a rare wonder in a city filled with mush that parades about as the real thing. Here, it's truly cut by hand, so the meat remains chewy, and the seasoning to order is right

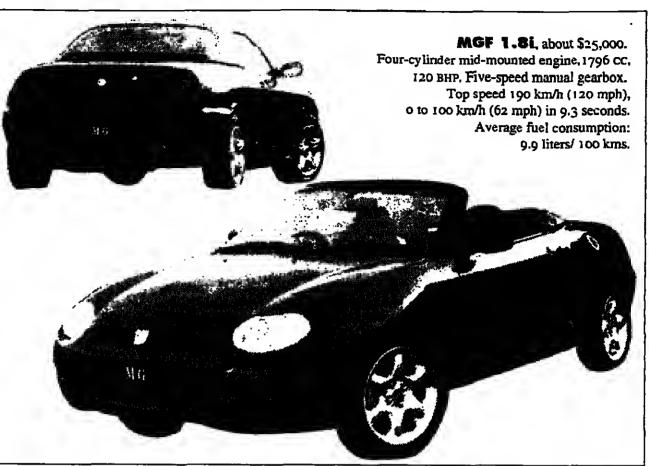
A simple grilled slice of tuna fits the bill for tuna lovers, as does the fine grilled chicken. It's game season, and a recent offering of sautéed chevreuil, young deer, was deliciously moist and light, really halfway between a sauté and a stew, paired with chewy wild mushrooms.

ESSERTS are on par with the rest of the fare, and include a soothingly delicious platter of sorbet au fromage blanc made of the young fresh cheese; as well as a fondant au chocolat chaud, a warm dessert that's neither cake nor soufflé but in some delightful never-never land in between. There's also a classic and still satisfying crème brûlée, as well as a model baba au rhum, served with a dollop of whipped cream and a homemade syrup of rum, vanilla beans and lemon zest.

The wine list is spotty, but does include some worthy bottles, such as the always reliable Loire Valley Saumur-Champigny from the Domaine Filliagreau, the 1993 at 105 francs; Domaine Tempier's Bandol rosé (160 francs for the 1994), and the highly priced yet delicious 1993 Chablis 1er cru 'La Forest' from Vincent and René Dauvissat at 235 francs.

Restaurant du Palais Royal, 110 Galerie du Palais Royal, Paris 1; tel: 40.20.00.27. Credit cards: American Express, Visa. Closed Saturday lunch and Sunday. A la carte, 215 to 325 francs, including service

CAR COLUMN



The New MG: Too Perfect to Love?

By Gavin Green

ONDON - This new car is oot a real MG, thank goodness. Real sager." A retrospective on the work of the French contemporary artist with 30 works from the early 1970s through the mid-1990s. MGs were minimum technology, maximum factility, open-topped bone shakers that offered drivers a good through the mid-1990s.

Solomon R. Guggenhelm Museum, tel: (212) 423-3840, closed Thursdays. To Jan. 14: "Joel-Peter Witkin," 80 photographs and 10 preparetory drawings dating from 1973 to 1994. The exhibition examines the American photographer's provocative portraits and still lifes. Studio Museum in Harlem, tel: (212) 864-4500. To Dec. 31: "Jeen Michel Basquiat: The Blue Ribbon Series." A series of 11 mejor canvases executed by the late New York graffitist when he first worked in Andy Warhol's studio. time not because of what they had, but rather what they didn't have.

They didn't have roofs, so there was a marvelous at-one-with-nature feel about old MGs, as they breezed their way down little English country lanes on the way to the local public house. (Even if you lived in California, you still imagined you were driving an MG in England). They didn't have suspension - well, at least not much in the way of suspension. In fact, they had about as much "give" as a skateboard. Most would call it uncomfortable; MG owners simply called it character-building. Mind you, compared with Spitfires and Lancasters, the

Washington
National Gallery of Art, tel: (202)
737-4215, open daily, To Dec, 31: "A
Greet Heritage: Renaissance and
Baroque Drawings from
Chatsworth." More then 100 drawings by Leonardo, Raphael, Van Dyck, Rubens, Rembrendt and other MG probably wasn't so bad.
They didn't have much technology. MGs were still hiding in the cave when most Western makers had safely crossed the plains to the motoring civilization that tames poor weather, bad roads and unreliability. So old MGs were pretty ropy cars, right? In one sense, yes. But people still loved

York.
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture
Garden, tel: (202) 357-2700, open
daily.To Jan. 15: "Stephan Balkenhot: Sculptures and Drawings." 30
carved and painted renderings of animals and young people in wood and
large-scale drawings by the German
sculptor. The exhibition will travel to
Montreal. were not the rich man's toys that roofless were roadsters for the common man. The new MGF is at least true to the last trait: it's good value. And it's got an open roof. And it's got an octagonal MG badge.

This mid-engine layout is very unusual in a car costing, in Britain, less than £16,000 (\$25,000). It's normally the preserve of Ferraris and the like. And when you do get cheapish mid-engine cars, such as the Toy-ota MR2, you rarely also get fully con-vertible roofs. After all, the roof will concertina back onto the engine cover, which makes checking the oil (something old MG owners had to do rather a lot of) difficult. Rover, maker of the MGF, has gotten around this problem partly through a very clever bood, a little supplementary engine cover which gives access to the oil dipstick, and

through a very low maintenance engine. Other engineering highlights include a variably valve controlled (VVC) engine on the top-line model which, in plain English, means it revs high, goes fast, bas lots of pulling power and doesn't use too much uel. There is Hydragas suspension, which helps give a more supple ride than conventional steel springs. And again on the top version, you get electric power steering, which should give better feel than normal power steering as well as making parking a cinch, and will when Rover gets it right.

Unlike old MGs, the new one is beausimplicity; they loved their cheapness. MGs more solid on the road than any opeo-top car I've driven, with the possible exception Jaguars and BMWs and Ferraris were. They of the five times as pricey Mercedes SL. There is little of the shake and shimmy that characterize most roadsters.

The engine makes all the right sporty noises, and is quick enough even in normal non-VVC guise as tested; and the brakes In every other way, though, it's about as non-VVC guise as tested; and the brakes traditionally MG as a Cadillac Fleetwood. This is oo crude Sunday toy for jolly cars of this price. Unlike old MGs, and chaps in tweed jackets and cloth caps on most new roadsters, which are all about

gine, suspension and steering, and with its motor situated where top-ootch sports cars should have them: right behind the driver, it does the job great. Want to really drive the car fast? No prob-lem. This MG is as good as hardtop coupes that have sheets of steel where it merely has

sunlight, I wish it looked better, though. It's handsome enough, in a rather Japanese generic way, and very professionally styled, with a stance like a muscle-bound terrier. But where are all those glorious styling details, in which the new Alfa Spider and new Fiat Barcbetta proliferate, and in which MG was once so expert?

HIS is the one area where some of the old MG cues would have been welcome. Other than a mild parody of the last of the rubber-oosed MGB grilles, there is none.

Given that romantic styling is at least as important as dynamic ability when it comes to sports cars, this may prove a costly mistake for Rover. Another is that there are oo plans to export the car to America, where MGs are still fondly remembered, and the badge still a strong one. Big sales in Europe and Japan will have to compensate.

Will they? Maybe. There's little doubt that this is the best them. They loved their style; they loved their tifully wrought and assembled and feels MG of all, just as it is probably the most technically advanced new car of the year. But competence is no substitute for romanticism, oot when it comes to sports cars, which are all about emotions and irrationality. After all, what's rational about a car that seats only two and has no roof? If only there were a bit more 10 love

> Gavin Green is the editor of Car mag-Next: the Ford Fiesta

and a bit less to admire about the new MG,

it would be an even more desirable car.

ARGENTINA

nos Aires Teatro Colon, tel: (1) 382-3289. Works by Rossini, Prokofiev and Strauss performed by the Bavarian Radio Symphony under Lorin Maazel, Nov. 1.

AUSTRIA

20er Haus, tel: (1) 799-6900, closed Mondays. To Oct. 29: "Raymond Hains," 25 works by the French artist whose occurs is based on unexpected connections, shifts of meaning and ambiguities. The exhibition features torn-off posters on canvas and wood, as well as a series of 12 large scale poster-plastered walls.

BELGIUM

mse Opera, tel: (3) 233-66-85. A new production of "La Nozze di Figaro," conducted by Peter Erckberg and Boje Skovhus. Oct. 22, 25, 28 and 31.

BRITAIN

Royal Academy of Arts, tel: (171) 434-5615, open daily. Continuing/ To Jan. 28: "Africa: The Art of a Con-

tinent."
Tate Gallery, tel: (171) 887-8000, open daily. To Jan. 7: "Dynasties: Painting in Tudor and Jacobean England, 1530-1630." More than 100 paintings, ministures, works on paper, tapestries and sculptures. Features portraits of the principal figures of the age, including the monarchs, by Holbein and Van Dyck, among others.

CANADA

Montreal Canadian Centre for Architecture, Canadian Centre for Architecture, tel: (514) 939-7000, closed Mondays and Tuesdays. To Jan. 14: "Architects of the Image: Photography in the Heroic Age of Construction." 75 photographs from the mid-19th-century to the 1930s explore the relationship, between the building of tionship between the building of large-scale structures and the shap-ing of the photographic image itself.

CHILE

Santiago Testro Municipal, tel: (2) 671-2900. "Nabucco," conducted by Michelan-gelo Veltri, with Leo Nucci, Linda Roark-Strummar, Francesco Ellaro D'Artegna and Katia Lytting, Oct. 21, 26, 28 and 31.

DENMARK

Copenhagen
The Royal Danish Opera, tel: 33-32-20-20. Verdi'e "Otello," directed by Folke Abenius, conducted by Klaus Waise with the Russian tenor Alexel Steblianko and Elisabeth Meyer-Topsoe. Oct. 28 and 31.

FRANCE

Grand Palais, 1at. (1) 44-13-17-17, closed Tuesdays. Continuing/To Jan. 1: "Cezanne." About 200 paint-Jan. 1: "Cezanne." About 200 paintings, watercolors and drawings by the Provençal painter..

Musée Carnavalet, tel: (1) 42-72-21-13, closed Mondays. To Feb. 11: "Robert Dolsneau." A chronicle of Parisian life and people through pho-

Parsian life and people through photographs taken since the 1930s by the French artist.

Musée Marmottan—Claude Monet.

tel: (1) 42-24-07-02 , closed Mondays. To Jan. 7: "De Le Brun à Vuillard." A selection of works by French painters from the 17th century to the 20th century, all of them members of the Academia Received at the Academie Royale de Peintura et le Sculpture, and later of the Academie des Beaux-Arts, Includes works by Chardin, Boucher, Ingres. works by Chardin, Boucher, Ingres. Forain and Maurice Denis. Musée d'Orsay, let: (1) 40-49-48-14, closed Mondays. To Jan. 21: "Manet, Gauguin, Rodin . . . Chefs-d'Oeuvre Français de la Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek de Copenhague." From the collection of French sculptures and paintings kept in the Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek in Copenhagen, works by Gauguin, Degas, Manet, Sisley and sculptures by Rodin.

miniature portraits painfed from 1700 to the 1870s showing the styles and vanety of these small, delicate paint-

Pavillon des Arts, tel: (1) 42-33-82-50, closed Mondeys. To Jan. 7: "His-toire de l'Icône dans l'Orient Chré-tian." Through icons from three dif-ferent Christian zones of influences,

Sean Scully's abstract works are on show in Atlanta.

Byzantium, the Middla East and Rus sia, the exhibition documents the dituring 62 paintings and works on paturing 62 paintings and works on pa-per. Scully's large-scala abstract paintings are notable for their use of vertical, horizontal and diagonal stripes of varying length and thick-ness. The exhibition will travel to Barcelona, Dublin and Frankfurt. Deutsche Oper, tel: (30) 34-384-01 Friedrich von Flotow's "Mariha ode Der Markt zu Richmond." The 19th-

century German composer'a opera is directed by Winfried Bauermeind and conducted by Sebastian Lang-Lessing. Oct. 28 and Nov. 3. Tübingen
Künsthalle Tübingen, tel: (7071)
9691-0, closed Mondays. To Dec. 10:
"Egon Schiele: Sammlung Leopold.
Wien." More than 150 paintings, watercolors, drawings and gousches by
the Expressionist artist were gathared by art collector Hudolf Leopold. who first recognized Schiele's talent and pictorial independence.

ITALY

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GERMANY

Berlin

Teatro del Giglio, tel: (583) 44-21-03. "Carmen," directed by Carlos Plaza, conducted by Marco Balderi, with Silvia Balean/Silvia Mazzoni/ Nadja Michael, Antonello Palombi/ Manrico Tedeschi/Gianluca Zampieri. Nov. 4, 5 and 6.

THE NETHERLANDS

The Hague
Het Palels, tel: (70) 338-11-11,
closed Mondays. To Jan. 14:
"Rodin." 50 sculptures, drawings,
watercolors and graphic works by the
French sculptor, Auguste René
Rodin (1840-1917). Rodin (1840-1917).

SCOTLAND

Glasgow Theatre Royal Glasgow, tel: (141) Theatre Royal Classystem, cc., (197) 332-9000. A new production of "Don Giovanni" by the Scottish Opera. Di-rected by John Cox, conducted by Nicholas McGegan, with Peter Mat-tel, Joan Rodgers, Francesca Pedaci and Yanni Yannissis. Oct. 28

SWEDEN

Stockholm Nationalmuseum, tel: (8) 556-42-50. closed Mondays. To Jan. 7: "Nordic Turn-of-the-Century: Luz del Narte." A collection of 100 paintings technical Monday Nortice. featuring Nordic landscapes and

SWITZERLAND

Musée de L'Hortogeria, tel: (22) 736-7412, closed Tuesdays. To Dec. 15: "L'âge d'Or du Petit Portrait." 80

UNITED STATES

High Museum of Art, tel: (404) 892-444, closed Mondays. To Jan. 7: "Sean Scully: Twenty Years, 1976-1995." A retrospective of the work of the Irish-born American painter, fea-

New York Brooldyn Museum, tel: (718) 638-5000, closed Mondays and Tues-days. To Jan. 7: "Leon Polk Smith: American Painter." More than 40 paintings created between 1938 and 1994 document the Amarican artist's

sest document the Amarican artists commitment to geometric forms and spatial relationships conveyed through solid areas of color.

Museum of Modern Art, tel: (212) 708-9400, closed Wednesdays.

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CLOSING SOON

On Oct. 22: "The Passionate Art of Utamaro." British Museum, Lon-On Oct. 22: "Richard and Maria

masters, selected from the collection of the Dukes of Devonshire in England. The exhibition will travel to New

Cosway: Regency Artists of Taste and Fashior." Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh. On Oct. 23: "Robert Morris: 1961—1994." Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris. On Oct. 22: The Masterworks of the Barnes Collection." Haus der Kunst, Munich. On Oct. 22: "Wege des Expressionismus." Casino Luxembourg, Lux-embourg.

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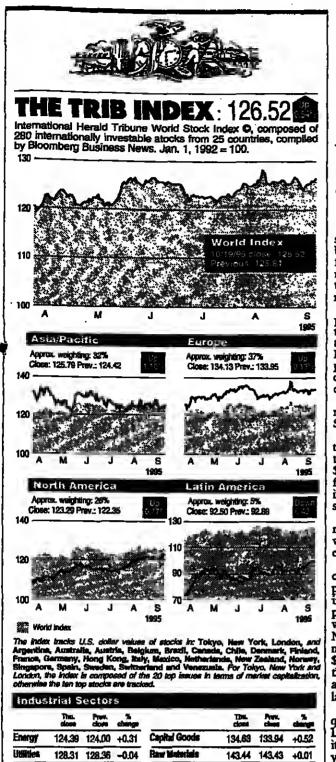
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Softbank Plans to Acquire Ziff-Davis

TOKYO — Softbank Corp. said Thursday that it planned to buy Ziff-Davis Publishing Co. from Forstmann, Little & Co.,

making the Japanese company the world's largest computer magazine publisher.

Softbank, Japan's biggest publisher of software and high-tech measurines, would add titech magazines, would add ti-tles including PC Magazine and PC Week to its portfolio. The purchase would give it 46 per-cent of the \$1.7 billion U.S. computer magazine market.

Only a few minor obstacles remain," said Masayoshi Son, Softbank's president.

Mr. Son did not disclose details of negotiations, but he said the cost probably would exceed \$1.5 billion. He said the Ziff family was not opposed to selling its remaining 6 percent stake.

A Forstmann Little spokesman confirmed the negotiations with Softbank, declining to comment further.

Forstmann decided to sell because the price represented a 67 percent return on the capital it invested when it bought the publisher, a person familiar with the situation said. The New York company used \$900 million of its own capital and \$500 million in bank debt for the purchase. Ziff-Davis had about \$700 million in revenue

The sale would represent a quick turnover for Forstmann Little, which usually holds onto its acquisitions for at least a few years to improve operations, analysts said.

Softbank is expanding in the United States, adding technology trade shows and software joint ventures.

Will Leeson Get a Break? Singapore Hints It May Plea-Bargain

By Michael Richardson International Herald Tribune

SINGAPORE — Officials investigating the collapse of Barings PLC have indicated they may be prepared to plea-bargain with the fugitive trader Nicholas Leeson if he comes forward with evidence implicating senior executives of the bank in wrongdoing, legal analysts said Thursday.

Mr. Leeson's lawyer in Singapore, John Koh, has already met the Commercial Affairs Department, a government agency responsible for investigating white-collar crime, but he declined to disclose the substance of his dis-

Mr. Koh, a former deputy director of the department, said he and his client had been "evaluating all the various defense options open to us," the Straits Times reported Thurs-

Analysts said this could involve cooperation with the authorities in exchange for a lighter sentence.

Mr. Leeson, who is in prison in Germany 11 charges of forgery and fraud, faces as much as 14 years in prison if found guilty in the Singapore courts.
Stephen Pollard, Mr. Leeson's lawyer in

London, said his client was ready to be judged and punished for what he had done. "What he asks is that his involvement be offer." viewed in the full context of the acts and omissions of others," he said.

Mr. Leeson earlier offered to cooperate with tradition to Singapore and be tried in London

gapore remains the principal jurisdiction for a losses and recapitalizing the firm.

criminal prosecution" and declined to seek his

extradition.

The British agency said Mr. Leeson had failed to add to information about the collapse of Barings uncovered in earlier investigations.

Mr. Leeson has said that senior Barings executives were aware of his activities, which mainly involved trading on behalf of the

In a report Tuesday, two inspectors ap-pointed by the Singapore government said that the bank's collapse under debts of 2.2 billion Singapore dollars (\$1.6 billion) in February was the result of massive losses in futures trading by Mr. Leeson, Barings's chief trader

But it also accused senior managers of the bank in London and Singapore of failing to rein in Mr. Leeson and concealing one of his major unauthorized transactions.

Mr. Leeson is the only person so far charged with crimes in connection with the Barings

But the Commercial Affairs Department is undertaking its own investigation and said that awaiting possible extradition to Singapore on if it could be established that offenses had been committed in Singapore, further prosecutions, preceded if necessary by extradition proceedigs, could follow.

Lawrence Ang, the department's director, said that if Mr. Leeson wished to cooperate, then the department would "see what he has to

But Mr. Leeson had made no formal offer of cooperation yet, Mr. Ang added.

Mr. Leeson racked up losses when he head-Britain's Serious Frand Office to avoid ex- ed Baring Futures (Singapore) Pte. The Dutch insurance and financial conglomerate Internationale Nederlanden Groep NV bought what But the office said last month that "Sin- was left of Barings in March, paying off the

McDonnell Gets \$1 Billion Deal From ValuJet

ompiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
WASHINGTON — Atlantabased airline ValuJet Airlines Inc. on Thursday announced a purchase agreement with the aircraft manufacturer McDonoell Douglas Corp. to buy 50 of its new 100-seat MD-95s.

The order was valued at more than \$1 billion, ValuJet said. In addition, Valulet said it signed an option to buy 50 more of the twin-engined plane. Valulet currently

about 35 aircraft. ValuJet Airlines also reported that third-quarter traffie rose 162 percent from a year ago, to 767

The order marks a victory for McDonnell Douglas over European rival Airbus Industrie. St. Louis-based McDonnell Douglas already had lined up most of its major supplier part-ners for the MD-95 but was holding off launehing the air-

craft until it got a big order.
The purchase marks a switch for ValuJet, which had been buying cheaper used DC-9 jets. With the supply of old DC-9s shrinking and prices for oew aircraft falling, Valuet figured it would do better with the new jets that stand to be cheaper to

Valulet said it was buving five more used DC-9s and three used MD-80s, mostly from charter carriers.

Just two years old. ValuJet has been growing from its Atlanta base and now serves 26 airports io the South, East and Midwest.

Earlier reports had suggested that ValuJet was leaning toward Airbus Industrie, whose A-319 already was in production. Eurlier this year, McDonnell Douglas lost another potentially major contract when Scandinavian Airlines System chose to buy 100 planes from Boeing

"I didn't think I'd ever get here," said Harry Stonecipher, president and chief executive of MeDonnell Douglas, "If you've read all the press reports, I'd lost this deal three times in the last month, I think."

Mr. Stonecipher had initially set a minimum of 70 planes for the launch order, but dropped the requirement to 50 and was positive there would be additional eustomers down the line.

He said launching the new plane would mean adding 400 jobs in development and 1,500 in production. (Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg, AP)

Warren Buffett Cashes In \$140 Million in Salomon Stock

ren Buffett, said Thursday be take cash for the preferred stock would cash in \$140 million of instead of cooverting it into cision after considering whether million in the third quarter, as preferred stock, overshadowing common stock at \$38 a share. the company's best quarterly earnings since 1993.

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NEW YORK — Salomon
Inc.'s largest shareholder, Warin Omaha, Nebraska, would

Mr. Buffett said he was oot Mr. Buffett, who bailed out vestment in Salomon, where his will continue to own \$560 milthe second quarter of 1995. had converted preferred to
the company in 1991 during its firm will continue to hold a 17.6 lion of Salomon preferred that "I would interpret his taking common. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

Treasury bond scandal, said his percent stake. He will remain on matures in the next four years. Salomon's board as chairman of its executive committee. He said he had made the de-nouncement that it earned \$268

"there is something else I trading profit surged. The com-would rather have Berkshire do pany had losses of \$104 million abandoning his \$1 billion in- with the money," Berkshire a year earlier and \$60 million in

Mr. Buffett's decision overshadowed Salomon's an-

to his commitment to the company," said Douglas Ehy, a manager of Robert E. Torray & Co. The firm owns 1.4 million Salomon shares, less than half the 3.7 million shares Mr. Buffett would have received if he

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After CDs, Now a Rush Into Stocks?

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By Tom Petruno Los Angeles Times Service

LOS ANGELES - A lot of cash is piling up in short-term accounts at U.S. banks and mutual fund companies. That could be setting the stage for another big rally in both stock and bond markets, some specialists say. Until fairly recently, many Americans

had been shoveling cash into certificates of deposits at banks and savings-andloans. As yields on six-month and oneyear CDs began to follow market interest rates higher in February 1994, many savers responded by favoring CDs over other options for their money. Data from the Federal Reserve Bank of

St. Louis show that the total amount held nationwide in small CDs - those under \$100,000 — zoomed from \$770 billion in February 1994 to \$918 billion by June 30. But since then, some savers have be-

gun to have second thoughts about locking up their cash in certificates of deposit. Small-CD assets have risen just \$12 billion further, to \$930 billioo. Meanwhile, assets of taxable moneymarket mutual funds have jumped by \$41

billion since the end of June, to a record \$615 hillion now, according to the fundtracking concern IBC/Donoghue Inc.
Assets of bank and S&L savings ac-

counts, despite their abysmally low yields in general, have risen by \$18 billion since the end of June, to \$1.11 trillion, after in general, have risen by \$18 billion since the end of June, to \$1.11 trillion, after falling \$53 billion in the first half of the year. The savings-account total includes

Cross Rates

market deposit accounts, the latter being banks' answer to money-market mutual

favoring money funds and short-term bank accounts over CDs. First, CD yields to Bradshaw Financial Network.

Money-market fund yields have fallen, but not as dramatically. The average monked at 5.58 percent in April and has slid to 5.20 percent now, IBC/Donoghue says.

If savers can earn 5.20 percent in a

the money fund is the obvious choice.

The risk, of course, is that short-term interest rates will continue to decline, draging money-fund yields ever lower well into 1996—and savers who lock up their cash at 5.07 percent for a year may look smarter than those crowding into money funds remains to be seen. But recent history suggests that if people begin to sour on incorey funds because of ging money funds and buy CDs.

Instead, much of that dollar hoard is likely to be earmarked for stock and bond funds today.

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But how much lower can short-term rates go? Many Wall Streeters doubt that we're headed back to the days of 3 percent money-fund yields, the level that moderately growing economy, low in-prevailed in 1993. Although the Federal flation and a balanced-budget promise

passbook savings accounts and money- most professional investors.

The federal funds rate, the benchmark short-term rate maintained by the Fed, was cut to 5.75 percent from 6 percent in early It's not hard to figure why people are July, the first reduction in three years, William Sullivan, an economist at Dean Witter Reynolds in New York, figures the have been declining since spring as mar-ket interest rates have tumbled. The na-rate over the next few months, if the econtional average yield on one-year CDs, for omy stays stuggish and if Congress and the example, has fallen to 5.07 percent now White House seal a long-term plan to from 5.79 percent on April 21, according balance the federal budget. balance the federal budget.

If Mr. Sullivan is right, money-fund

yields may bottom out above 4.50 percent next year. If CD yields slide in tandem, ey fund's seven-day annualized yield money funds may still be an attractive alternative to locking up cash in CDs.

Many investors have a threshold for pain with money-fund yields, a return that money fund that offers them immediate simply becomes too low to endure. access to their cash, compared with 5.07 Whether a drop into the 4 percent range percent to lock up their money for one year, will be enough to drive investors out of

Instead, much of that dollar hoard is likely to be earmarked for stock and bond markets, both of which inevitably appear more attractive as short-term accounts appear less so.

Combine further Fed rate cuts with a

Tietmeyer Urges Discipline

International Herald Tribune

BERLIN - A strong currency is in every nation's inetary union should plan to maintain fiscal discipline on a permanent basis to keep the fu- public debt. ture single currency strong in global markets.

That was the message from gathering of business execu-tives and diplomats here that and European monetary union control markets." can help to achieve this, but

stressed the need for single-cur-

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— ''not just at the beginning but on a continuing basis."

terest, and the countries that bringing budget deficits down monetary union in 1999 were participate in European mon- to 3 percent of gross domestic not met, "this would be the product and conforming to spe-cific criteria on inflation and sis." Mr. Lipp said, "It would "We need more fiscal dis-

cipline rules that really will work," the Bundesbank chief of the world's three anchor cur-Hans Tietmeyer, president of said. Currency swings could be rencies, and the new European the Bundesbank, who told a avoided only by "steering a single currency must also be-gathering of business execu-steady course," he added, not-come an anchor currency." ing that intervention in foreign "the best monetary policy is exchange markets by central one that avoids devaluations, banks "can give signals but not When asked to comment on

only if currency linkage is ac- the view of Economics Minister ed to take a more relaxed view companied by long-term convergence in fiscal policy."

Mr. Tietmeyer, in remarks single currency beyond 1999 are now than to relax conditions for gamized by the International Herald Tribune and Germany's federal Economics Ministry, attracted the need for single-currency.

Mr. Tietmeyer said, "That is the opinion of German policy makers."

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A starker view was expressed

rency partners to meet the same here Thursday by Ernst-Moritz conditions of fiscal discipline Lipp, a senior general manager
— "not just at the beginning of Frankfurt-based Dresduer Bank AG. Mr. Lipp contended These conditions include that if the target of achieving

> sis." Mr. Lipp said, "It would have implications for financial markets around the world because the Deutsche mark is one

> An increasing number of senior European central bankers and economic policymakers, while officially committed to the 1999 target date, have tend-

Growth Slows in China

Agence France-Presse
BEUING — The ecooomy grew 9.8 percent in the first nine months of the year from the like period a year earlier, the State Statistics Bureau said Thursday, adding that an-oual growth should remain below 10 percent for the first time in four years.

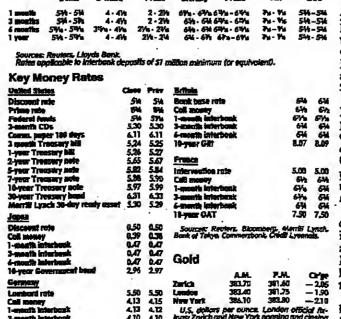
Gross domestie product for the period totaled 3.65 trillion yuan (\$440.03 hillion), a spokesman for the statistics bureau said. Retail-price inflation slipped to 16.6 percent from 17.2 percent a year earlier.

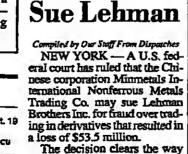
Beijing has fixed growth target of between & percent and 9 percent for 1995. The economy grew 11.2 percent last year.

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for a trial of a lawsuit filed by Lehman in November against the Chinese company, which it charged with breach of contract involving the trades. Lehman is also seeking to recover the lost \$53.5 million.

Minmetals Nonferrous and its parent company, the stateowned China National Metals & Minerals Import & Export Co., alleging that the two com-panies had failed to repay the money lost in currency options

thorized to make.

Lehman originally sued both and interest-rate swaps. The Chinese companies countersued in February, saying Lehman had tricked Hu Xi-100 hours power reserve - 100 meters water-resistant - 100 days of testing angdong, a general manager of Minmetals Nonferrous, into high-risk trades he was not au-The federal court ordered Lehman to reply to six claims of fraud made by Minmetals by Nov. 6. (Bloomberg, Reuters) VIA PIETRO VERRI - ANGOLO - VIA MONTE NAPOLEONE 9 20121 MILANO - TELEFONO 760 02 375



Very briefly:

Strong U.S. Sales Lift Coca-Cola Net

ATLANTA (AP) - Coca-Cola Co. said Thursday that strong sales in the United States, its oldest and strongest market, helped push third-quarter profit 13 percent above the year-earlier level. The company said net income was \$802 million, up from \$708 million. Revenue rose to \$4.9 billion from \$4.5 billion. Case sales, which Coke measures as 24 eight-ounce servings of its products, grew 8 percent in the United States and 7 percent internationally. Sears, Roebuck & Co. said strong sales of air conditioners and school clothes helped raise its third-quarter net income to \$228 million from \$192 million a year earlier.

 McDonald's Corp.'s third-quarter net earnings rose to \$400.1 million from \$349.8 million, as strong sales worldwide helped lift revenue to \$7.87 billion from \$6.94 billion.

Strong worldwide pharmaceutical sales help raise profit for three U.S. drug companies — Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., Schering-Plough Corp. and Warner-Lambert Co. Bristol-Myers's net profit rose 11 percent, to a record \$689 million; Schering-Piongh's net grew by 13 percent, to \$252.6 million, and Warner-Lambert's net profit rose 26 percent, to \$214 million.

 Mexico's trade surplus was \$904 million in September, compared with a deficit of \$1.53 billion in September 1994, preliminary figures from the Finance Ministry show.

 Motorola Inc. said its North Asia cellular infrastructure division had signed an agreement with China's Directorate General of Telecommunications and LM Ericsson AB to join the nationwide cellular network in China into a single system

• Computer Associates International Inc. posted a second-quarter loss of \$637 million after taking an \$808 million charge related to its acquisition of Legent Corp. AP, Bloomberg, Reuters, AFA

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche. NEW YORK — Bankers Trust New York Corp. said Thursday that Frank N. Newman would succeed Charles Sanford

Jr. as chairman and chief executive, forcing out the bank's president who had long been considered the heir apparent. Eugene Shanks Jr., a loyal deputy who for years had been groomed to he Mr. Sanford's successor, resigned when Mr.

Newman, 53, was appointed president effective immediately and chairman effec-The management shuffle comes after 18 months of turmoil at Bankers Trust, spurred by big losses on derivatives sold to clients and charges of fraud by Washing-ton regulators. Shareholders and bank ex-

ecutives said they expected Mr. Newman,

a former Treasury Department official who joined the bank last month, to Bank-

ers Trust revamp its tarnished image.

its wounded derivatives business showed a profit in the third quarter for the first time in three quarters. The bank's client risk management unit, which consists mostly of derivatives trading, posted a profit of \$1 million. That unit posted a loss of \$49 million in the second quarter and a loss of \$122 million in the first quarter.

Overall, Bankers Trust earned a net \$155 million in the quarter, down from \$169 million a year earlier, reflecting the still-weak derivatives sector, lower revenue from trading and fees and slower earnings from investment banking.

The results include a one-time charge of \$205 million to write down the value of certain leveraged derivative contracts exotic and highly risky financial instruments — that were no paid.

Late last year the bank said that con-tracts worth \$423 million were in danger of nonpayment. The bank later wrote off \$72

Bankers Trust also said Thursday that million, leaving a balance of \$351. Aside from the \$205 million in contracts written off, the bank said others contracts have been repaid and it was continuing to try to collect on the balance of troubled deals. Trading revenue totaled \$257 million.

down \$21 million from a year earlier but up \$178 million from the second quarter. Income from fees and commissions fell 7 percent from the year-earlier period, to \$152 million.

Bankers Trust had \$728 million in operating expenses in the quarter, up 2.1 percent from a year earlier and 7.4 percent from the second quarter.

Bankers Trust had assets of \$109.4 billion in the third quarter. It was the seventh-biggest U.S. banking company in terms of assets at midyear. In the first nine months, net income

totaled \$89 million, compared with \$514 million in the year-earlier period.

(AP, Bloomberg, Reuters)

AT&T Restructuring Cuts Into Profit

NEW YORK - AT&T Corp. reported Thursday that third-quarter earnings amounted to \$262 million, after the company took a special charge to restructure its computer manufacturing operation.

AT&T, which said last month that it would restructure itself into three publicly traded companies, took a charge of \$1.17 billion to revamp its unprofitable Global Information Solutions computer unit. It said more restructuring charges may be on the horizon

The charge, which will help pay for eliminating 7,200 jobs and 1,300 contractors, reduced AT&T's profit by \$1.1 bil-

McCaw Cellular resulted in net income of \$1.05 billion, or 67 cents.

The company's profit was 16 cents a share for the quarter that ended Sept. 30: a year earlier, it was 67 cents a share. Revenue was \$19.70 billion, up 6 percent from \$18.65 billion a year earlier.

The company's stock closed Thursday at \$62.375, down 25 cents, on the New York Stock Exchange. AT&T said volume - or minutes of use

— rose 8.5 percent on its long-distance network, the largest in the United States, and long-distance revenue grew 6.1 percent. Faster growth in AT&Ts cellular business

In the third quarter of 1994, expenses of helped push its overall telecommunications-\$230 million related to the acquisition of service revenue up 7.2 percent.

"Long-distance posted excellent re-sults," said Richard Klugman, analyst at PaineWebber Research. "AT&T's longdistance revenue growth and margins were at record levels."

Orowing demand for second phone lines among residential customers contributed to solid profit increases at Bell Atlantic Corp. and BellSouth Corp. in the third quarter, before special charges, the companies said Thursday. BellSouth said profit rose 12 percent in the three months. Bell Atlantic's profit rose 11 percent before

extraordinary gains and charges.
(AP, Bloomberg)

European Economic Worries Drag Dollar Lower

NEW YORK — The dollar slid against most other currencies Thursday as political and economic troubles in France propelled investors toward the safety of the

Deutsche mark. When the mark rises against its European counterparts, it generally gains against the dollar, too, as speculators look for

opportunities to buy the German currency. "The mark is strong against the franc, and that's pulling the dollar down across the board," said Karl Halligan, currency trader at CIC Bank in New York.

The dollar also extended its decline after the president of the Bundesbank, Hans

Tietmeyer, said that while a strong currency carried disadvantages, "in the end, a country is better off." Traders interpreted his comments as being an endorsement for a strong mark.

The dollar closed at 1.4070 Deutsche marks, down from 1.4235 DM on Wednes-

Foreign Exchange

day, and at 100.375 yea, down from 100.825 yea. The dollar also slumped to 1.1480 Swiss-francs from 1.1571 francs, and to 4.9485 French francs from 4.9885 francs. The

pound rose to \$1.5753 from \$1.5695.

A country's currency is often weakened by political and economic troubles, and France right now offers investors plenty of reason for concern, analysts said. The country's unemployment rate is among Europe's highest, and its budget deficit is expected to reach 5 percent of gross domestic product this year, the second highest in the Group of Seven industrial countries.

Meanwhile, the dollar will not be able to sustain gains until progress is made in cut-ting the U.S. budget deficit, traders said. "I remain bearish on the dollar until we take care of our deficit and debt ceiling," said Ian Spence, a trader at Rabobank Nederland in New York. (Bloomberg, AP)

Bankers Trust Shuffles Management Johnson & Johnson **Pursues Hostile Takeover of Cordis**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW BRUNSWICK, New Jersey — Johnson & Johnson said Thursday it would tender \$100 a share, or \$1.6 billion, for Cordis Corp. after the medicaldevice maker rebuffed earlier

Johnson & Johnson advances. Johnson & Johnson said it would begin the tender Friday, although it would prefer to ne-

U.S. Stocks

potiate a tax-free acquisition of Cordis for \$105 a share in stock,

Cordis, which is based in Miami, said it would evaluate the proposal but had no further

The offer comes after months of speculation that Johnson & Johnson would acquire Cordis or another device maker to capitalize on the success of its heart stent, a tiny metal device used to prop open arteries. Cordis makes catheters and angioplasty balloons that are used to clear the vessels and position

the stent Ralph Larsen, chairman and chief executive officer of Johnson & Johnson, said the combination "will create one of the leading worldwide vascular disease management companies."

Cordis shares closed at \$107.625 after heavy trading on the Nasdaq market, up \$21.625 from Wednesday. Johnson & Johnson shares closed up 75 cents at \$78.875.

The stock rose past the offer price on suspicions that Johnson & Johnson may sweeten the proposal or other bidders may erge, analysts and investors

Johnson & Johnson had approached Cordis more than a month ago about a possible transaction, according to a let-

ter to Cordis from Mr. Larsen. meet, and the compelling strategic importance of this combination, you left us no alterna- company's 58 percent increase

he wrote.

son & Johnson said it would begin an action to ask shareholders to remove Cordis's directors. Johnson & Johnson also said it was suing to block

Cordis's poison pill. Johnson & Johnson said the transaction initially would trim its earnings 1 percent to 3 percent. But the company said it expected the acquisition to lift sales through the joint development of products and higher

sales to its existing customers. (Bloomberg, AP)

■ Stocks Edge to Record Blue-chip stocks rallied to record highs Thursday, on the an-niversary of the 1987 stockmarket collapse, as investors drove up telephone, food and

drug issues.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 24.93 points at crecord 4,802.45. The broader market languished, with declining issues narrowly edging los-ing ones on the New York Stock

The price of the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond rose 9/32 point, to 107 19/32, taking the yield down to 6.31 percent

from 6.33 percent Wednesday. After some disappointing carnings from high-tech companies, investors turned to companies posting consistent, dependable earnings growth, like food stocks. McDonald's rose 1% to 40% after reporting strong

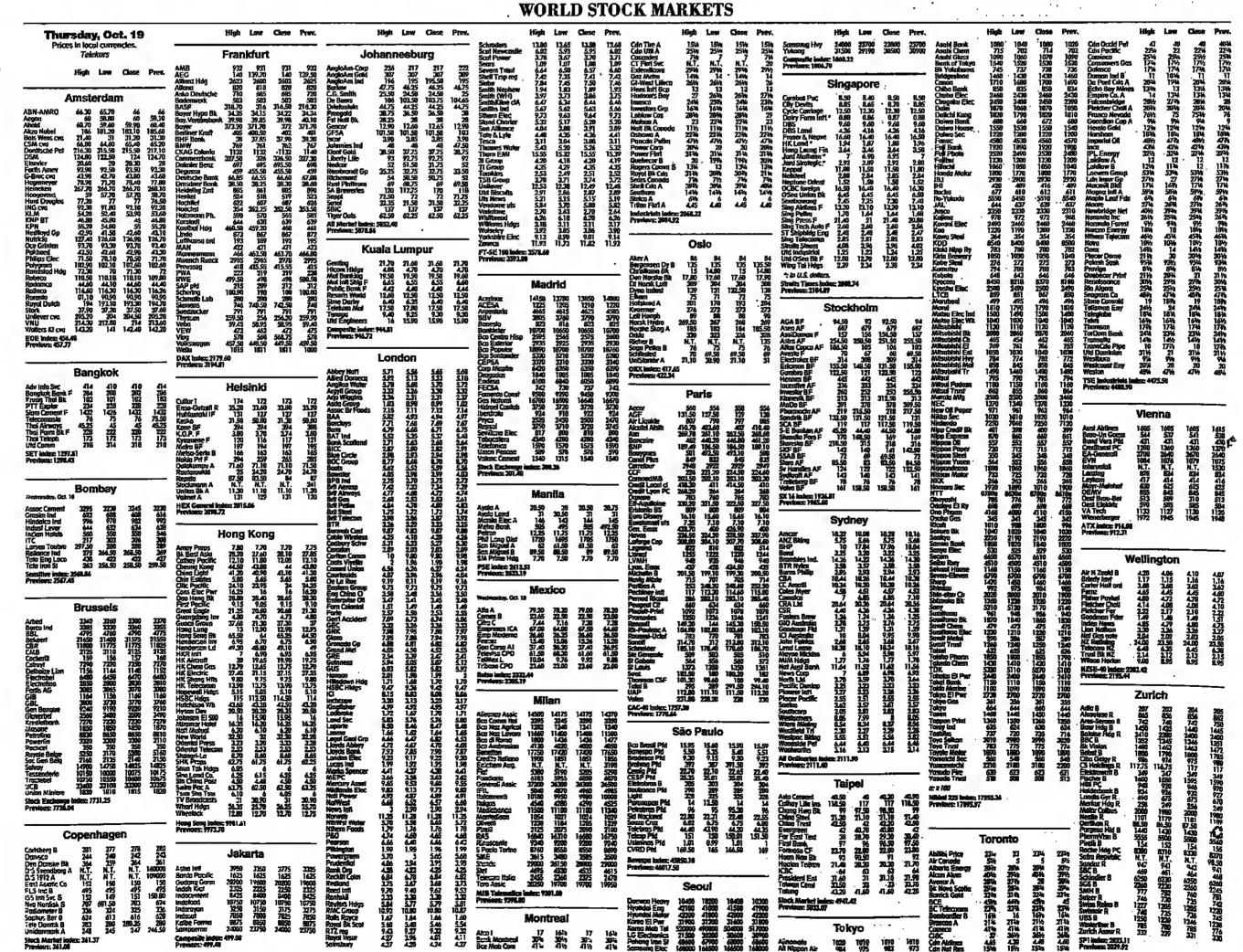
helped lift the Dow. Among other strong food issues, Hershey Foods gained 21/2 to 66%, H.J. Heinz rose 11/2 to 47%, and General Mills climbed

third-quarter earnings, which

Telephone stocks, whose carnings fluctuate little, gained, led by Bell Atlantic, which rose 11/2 to 631/2 after posting strong

third-quarter results.
But ADRs of Nokia, the Given your unwillingness to Finnish mobile phone maker, plunged 8% to 60 after analysts were disappointed with the tive but to make an offer in earnings for the first eight directly to your shareholders," months of the year.

(Bloomberg, AP)



'German Banks Are Targets of Tax Investigation

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BONN —German authorities are investigating thousands of customers of two of Germany's largest banks on suspicion they to evade taxes, legal and tax officials said Thursday.

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The chief Düsseldorf prosecutor, Jochen Ruhland, said investigations into possible tax evasion by customers at Dresdner Bank AG had been stepped up to include several thousand cases where there was 'a certain suspicion.'

Separately, a tax investiga-con official told a Frankfurt court that as many as 2,000 customers of Commerzbank AG were being investigated after

Nokia Shares **Drop Despite** Jump in Profit

Bloomberg Business News HELSINKI - Shares in Nokia AB slumped 7 percent Thursday despite the fact that the telecommuni-

cations-equipment maker posted a 58 perceot rise in profit for the first eight months of the year. Nokia's eight-month pretax profit rose to 3.62 hillion markka (\$841.9 mil-lion) from 2.29 hillion markka a year earlier. Sales

rose 26 perceot, to 22,9 billion markka from 18.2 hillion markka. The company's largest division, mobile phones, posted a 58 percent rise in sales, to 9.57 billion markka.

Nokia shares dropped 20 markka, to 265.

'It was a great result indeed, but unfortunately it was somewbat below expectations," said Petter Langenskiold, an analyst at Gylleoberg Securities.

authorities studied a list of Luxembourg customers that had been stolen from the bank.

The official was testifying at largest banks on suspicion they invested funds in Luxembourg convicted of stealing the file and then blackmailing the bank by threatening to publish the

> Despite Commerzbank's protests, the recovered stolen documents were passed on to tax authorioes, providing the basis for the investigations.

> The introduction of a 30 perceni withholding tax on interest income in 1993 prompted a huge influx of funds into Germany's tiny neighbor country. Moving funds abroad is oot illegal, but failure to report interest income to German tax authorides and deliberate tax eva-

sion are in breach of the law. Dresdner denied any wroogdoing and said it was being "a scapegoat for loopholes in the law left by leg-

islators." The bank made its comments in response to a television report on the state-run channel ARD that investigators suspected Dresdner of helping clients with interest-bearing accounts transfer funds illicitly to Luxembourg.

The report said prosecutors had searched the homes of 50 Dresdner clients and identified 20 bank employees who had advised clients to make the illicit transfers. The bank said the TV report revealed "nothing (Reuters, AFP)

■ EU Looks at Bank Aid The European Commission will clamp down on state aid to banks and will scrutinize recent bank mergers amid concerns that competition in the banking ropean Unioo's top antitrust official said, according to a "No decisions on dividends ficer, Bloomberg Business News dishave been taken," the company Ho patch from Brussels.

Uphill Climb for West's Carmakers Korean Imports May Hasten Industry 'Shakeout'

By Erik Ipsen nal Herald Tribun

LONDON - Auto industry executives Thursday painted a bleak picture in which the increase in plant capacity is likely to outpace rising demand for the foreseeable future.

Pointing out that the industry already has the capacity to build "millions" more new cars than there is currently demand for, Ford Motor Co. 's chairman and chief executive said that a tough market would get only tougher. What is more, warned Alexander J. Trotman, "we are not nearly as prepared for it as we think we are."

Speaking at a conference in London, Mr. Trotman singled out South Korea for hastening a huge "shakeout" in the in-dustry. He predicted that Korean auto manufacturers would be churning out 5 million cars annually by 1998, while their own domestic demand was unlikely to exceed 2 million cars.

Guess where the extra 3 million cars are going," Mr. Trotman said. "They are going to the U.S. and Western Europe." He also chided South Korea for maintaining one of the world's most protected auto markets, noting that imports accounted for less than 0.2 percent of total

Speaking at the same conference, one industry expert insisted that the South

Rhys, a motor industry expert at the full year in Europe, he said, "I think we Cardiff Business School. will end up with gains of only zero point

When Japanese cars began flooding world markets two decades ago, they were not only cheaper but often more will built as well, Mr. Rhys said. Having now pulled themselves up to Japanese standards in terms of quality and efficiency, many carmakers in Europe and America are in a far better position to hold their own in the face of this newest threat, he

Intense competition and the drive for eater efficiency have forced automobile components manufacturers, for instance, to squeeze more out of their plants, said J.T. Batteoberg III, chief execotive of Delphi Automotive Systems, the components-making arm of General Motors Corp.

"If someone comes to me and says that their plant is now operating two shifts and 80 hours a week, I give them poor marks," he said. "We measure full capacity as 168 hours a week."

In Europe, however, recent gains in efficiency have not been enough to forestall an explosion in Korean car imports this year. The entry of makers such as Hyundai, Daewoo and Kia into European markets has come at a particularly painful time for the industry.

Paolo Cantarella, chief executive of Fiat Auto SpA, called the 1.2 percent rise Korean threat had been exaggerated. "It in car sales in the first half of the year will not be as easy for the Koreans as it disappointing and predicted that the secwas for the Japanese," predicted Garel ond half would be "even worse." For the it up in two words: "stay away.

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Once agaio auto executives contrasted the sluggish and highly competiove mar-kets in the industrialized world with those of the emerging markets. Mr. Cantarella pointed to sluggish growth in car production in America, Europe and Japan. Total output in those markets has risen from 35 million units in 1984 to 38 million last year and is anocipated to climb to 39 million by 2004.

But beyond those crowded markets he found grounds for optimism. In the rest of the world he saw gains in demand that would lift production from 6.5 million cars in 1984 to 20 million by 2004.

Although auto executives outlined ambitious expansion plans in emerging markets from Brazil to China, Mr. Rhys criticized Europe's manufacturers for avoiding the United States. He compared the withdrawal of all the Europeans from the mass-market end of the United States to the battle of Yorktown, at which the American colonies defeated Britain.

Mr. Cantarella also was quick to redefine what "global" needed to mean in today's auto industry. He insisted that a lack of an American presence did not constitute a handican.

You only need to be strong in one of the three main established markets to be global," he insisted. Asked about Fiat's approach to the U.S. market, he summed

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 Groupe des Assurances Nationales, the French state-owned insurer, said its first-half net loss narrowed to 387 million French francs (\$78 million) from 846 million francs a year earlier, helped by improvement in its nonlife insurance business,

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 South African auto industry exports are expected to top 3.2 hillion rand (\$876 million) in 1995, compared with 2.6 hillion rand in 1994, the National Association of Automotive Component and Allied Manufacturers said. Components account for about two-thirds of the value of automotive exports.

 Britain saw the number of companies going into receivership drop to 416 in the quarter ended in September from 508 a year earlier, according to the accounting firm KPMG.

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> · Philips Electronics NV's Philips Communications & Processing Services unit and BSO/Origin intend to merge at the beginning of next year. (Reuters, AFX, Bloomberg)

Trafalgar to Hold Off on Dividend

LONDON — Trafalgar House PLC said Thursday it would make a final decision in ecember on paying a dividend for the second half of its 1994-

95 financial year. The company warned that its operating loss deepened in its second half, ended Sept. 30, and that payment of ordinary and industry is being stifled, the Eu- preference dividends looked

said, "but on the basis of in-Karel Van Miert, the EU's formation currently available, it competition commissioner, said is doubtful whether we will he was investigating "a whole make the payments on the cuseries" of cases of state aid to mulative preference shares on

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Hongkong Land, which holds a 26 percent stake in the biggest shareholder, confirmed vestor. Hongkong Land also said it was supportive of the action management was taking, according to Nigel Rich, Trafalgar's chief executive of-

Hongkong Land is 31 percent owned by the Hong Kong conglomerate Jardine Matheson Ltd.

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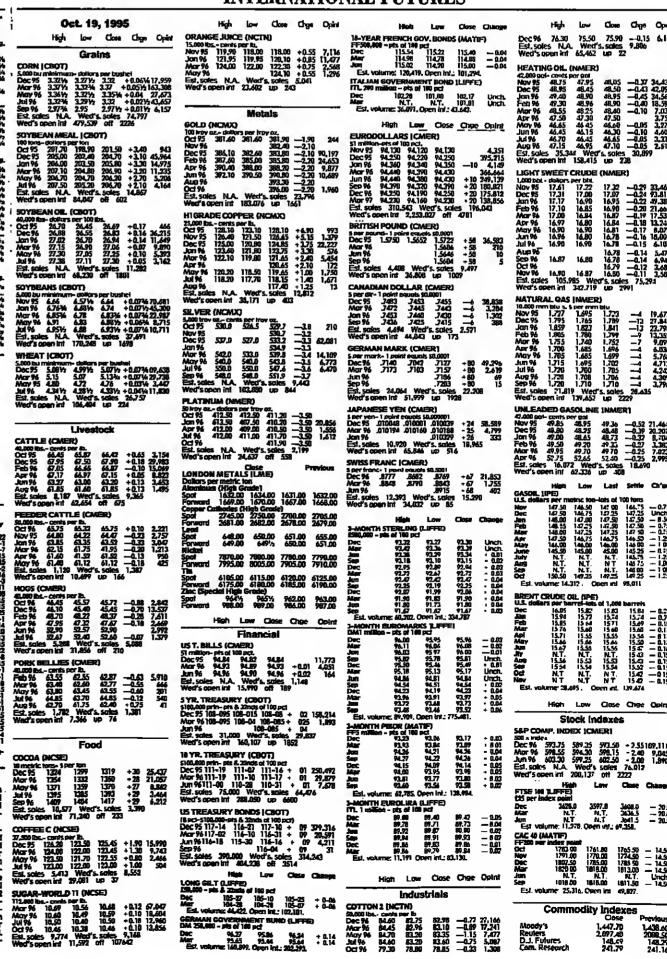
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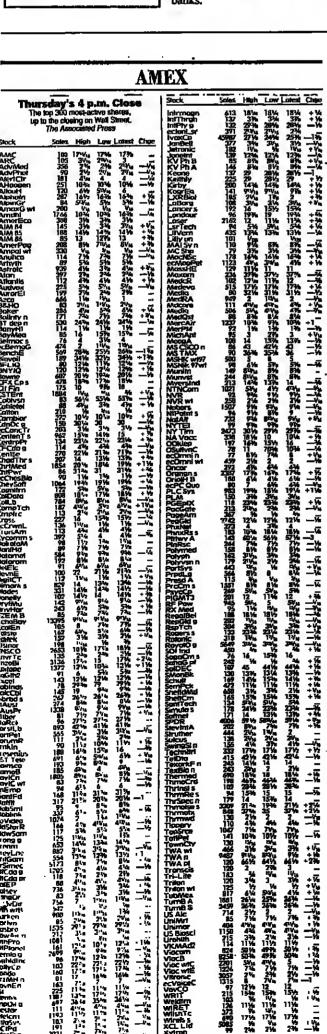
stantial provisions" in the second half to cover restructuring mainly at its metals engineering The company said it had is-

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Motorola to Join Chip Alliance Group Will Develop a Billion-Bit Memory Device

By Andrew Pollack New York Times Service

TOKYO - In e broadening of the trend toward international alliances in the semiconductor industry, Motorola Inc. is to join International Business Machines Corp., Toshiba Corp. of Japan and Siemens AG of Germany in a four-way partnership to develop a I billion-bit memory chip, industry executives said Thursday.

The industry's high expenses have made collaboration increasingly common. The cost of developing new chips has risen to hundreds of millions of dollars, and the cost of a new factory can easily exceed \$1 billion. But the new alliance appears to be unique in heving so many partners; most other tie-ups involve only two companies.

No formal announcement of the deal has yet been made.

We can confirm that we are discussing the possibility of a four-way alliance," Toshiba said Thursday. But it added that "no final agreement has been reached, and we have nothing to announce at this time." IBM. Siemens and Toshiba are already collaborating to develop future memory chips, which are used to store information in personal computers and other electronic ap-

Essentially. Motorola will join the existing coalition and is expected to pay

already done.

The billion-bit chip, known as a oncgigabit dynamic random-access memory device, can store the equivalent of 10 volumes of the complete works of Shakespeare, four hours of digital music or 15 minutes of video. It is expected to cost more than \$1 billion for the four partners to develop the chip, which is expected to reach the market around the turn of the century.

The gigabit chip will store 64 times as much information as the current generation of memory chip, the 16-megabit D-RAM, which can hold about 16 million zeroes and ones of the code used by computers. Toshiba, IBM and Siemens have already worked together to develop the 64-megabit chip, which will be the next generation, and the 256-megabit chip, which will be the generation after that.

By entering the alliance, Motorola, a leading semiconductor and communications-equipment manufacturer, will be able to continue in the D-RAM business.

Motorole has had a joint venture with Toshiba for seven years that manufactures memory chips in northern Japan. The venture, which uses Toshiba technology, is now manufacturing the 16-megabit chip. chip technology, and NEC has been co-But to move to the next-generation chip, Motorola would have had to license the Co. of South Korea.

several hundred million dollars to com-pensate the others for the work they have Siemens alliance, because Toshiba alone did not develop it.

Instead, Motorola decided to become a member of the alliance, allowing it to take part in future development, a Motorola executive said. The company will send engineers to the IBM plant in East Fishkill, New York, where the joint memory-chip development work is taking place.

The four companies involved already have a number of alliances. This year, Toshiba and IBM announced that they would jointly huild a semiconductor factory in Virginia to manufacture D-RAMs and other chips. The two companies also have a joint factory in Japan that makes screens for notebook computers.

IBM and Motorola, meanwhile, are cooperating with Apple Computer Inc. in the development of PowerPC chips, a family of microprocessors designed by IBM and now used in Apple's Macintosh computers. Toshiba has licensed from IBM the right to

use the PowerPC chips.
This year, Hitachi Ltd. and NEC Corp. announced separately that they had de-veloped the first prototypes of the one-gigabit D-RAM. Hitachi has been working with Texas Instruments Inc. on memory-

Haseko to Unload Land and Post Loss

Bloomberg Business News

TOKYO — Haseko Corp., a Japanese condominium builder, announced plans Thursday to unload more than half its land holdings and said the slump in Japanese real-estate prices would cause its first-ever

"The real-estate market slump has continued for several years, and that's hurt our hottom line, so dealing with this by promptly liquidating land holdings is our highest managerial priority," Kohei Goda, the company's chief executive, said.

The company said it would give up more than 50 percent of its property holdings and post a loss of 190 billion yen (\$1.9 billion) for the year ending in March.

Haseko said the loss would be its first since becoming a publicly traded company in 1961. Previously, it forecast a profit of 500 million yen for the year.

Haseko also said it would not be able to pay a dividend for the year. It previously grecast a payout of 5 yen a share.

The Tokyo Stock Exchange suspended

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have been forced to fly to the

Wednesday opens the way for

passengers to fly to China on Macao's airline, with a stop in

Macao, beginning in January. The pact poses oo immediate financial threat to Cathay Pacific Airways or China Airlines, but airline analysts say it will attract competition that will

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'New players are coming in.

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trading in Haseko shares when the company announced the press conference to report the earnings revisions. The stock finished the day 28 yen lower, at 351, a

drop of 8 percent. Stock in Haseko had already lost 13 percent of its value this week before the nouncement

Takehiko Yamamura, a Haseko executive vice president, said he was confident no insider trading had taken place before news of the loss was released. He said no internal investigation into the possibility of a leak of the news was planned.

"The plunge in land prices has been much steeper than we expected," Mr. Goda said when asked why the company had not acted earlier.

By selling the land, Haseko hopes to shrink its debt by 23 percent, to 124.7 billion yen. Much of the property is to be handed over to an affiliate set up to sell it over the next four years.

A return to profit in the next financial year would not be beyond reach for Haseko, but it

said Christine Lee, an analyst allow two airlines from Taiwan tourism industry. The new

annual traffic from Taiwan to Macao of about 832,000.

carrier, and TransAsia Air-

ways, 50 percent-owned by Taiwan's Goldsun Develop-

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benefit, said James Wang, an

Air Pact Ends Hong Kong-Taiwan Monopoly

Air Macau, the Portuguese territory's only airline, stands

During the first seven months of 1995, 1.01 million

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lot to develop the market," said

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approval by aviation authorities

in Macao and Taiwan, would

The pact, which still requires

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depends greatly on the fortunes of the realate market, analysts said.

"If land values continue to decline significantly, they may have even more losses to deal with," said Steven Weiler, an in-dustry analyst in the Tokyo office of Jar-

dine Fleming Securities Co.
Still, Mr. Weiler praised the company's willingness to act by selling properties for far less than the original purchase price.

■ Hyogo Debt Plea Is Considered The Finance Ministry said it may ask foreign investors who hold subordinated bonds of Hyogo Bank Ltd. to give up some of the value of the bonds, Reuters reported. Hyogo collapsed in August under the weight of bad loans. A new bank is being set up to take over the business of Hyogo,

which will be closed down. Currently, the ministry is asking 16 Japanese insurance companies to give up a part of Hyogo's subordinated bonds to help deal with bad loans at the bank, the Finance Ministry said.

Lew Steps Down As Chairman Of Coles Myer

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said he would remain on the to develop the company to its board as deputy chairman of considerable polential. a Australia's largest retailer. Two of Mr. Lew's strongest

supporters on the board, Lindsay Fox, a trucking company owner, and Will Bailey, a former banker, also said they would quit. Five independent directors are to be appointed in addition to an independent nonexecutive chairman.

Jeff Kennett, prime minister of Victoria state, announced that one of Coles Myer's three independent directors. Sir James Gobbo. had also resigned to take up the position of lieutenant governor of Victoria.

Mr. Lew's stepping down could mark the end of a controversy that began in September, when the company's finance director, Philip Bowman, was fired after he questioned a secret transaction that cost Coles Myer 18 million Australian dollars (\$13.5 million) and benefited a company in

which Mr. Lew has an interest by the same amount. The institutional investors campaign for board changes 1991.

ompiled by Our Staff From Dispatches — AMP Society, State Super MELBOURNE — Sol- Corp. and Bankers Trust Ausweek they would seek Mr. Lew's dismissal.

'An improvement in pub-Mr. Lew, who owns about lic perception will assist the 13.5 percent of Coles Myer, board, management and staff statement from the funds said. None of the fund managers

was evailable for comment. Shares in Coles gained 4 cents Thursday, to an 18-month high of 4.57 dollars. They have risen 13 percent since Sept. 6, when regulators said they would investigate Mr. Bowman's allegations.

"If this is satisfactory to the major shareholders, then I think it is a good result," said David Lesnie, managing di-rector of A.B.S. White & Co., the brokerage arm of Banque Nationale de Paris.

Stephen Babidge of HSBC Assel Management said a proposal hy Mr. Lew to split the company into five inde-pendent entities would now be reviewed and may end up being "quietly forgotten."

A proposed breakup of the

company unveiled by Mr. Lew last week was viewed by many as e smokescreen.

Coles Myer is among the world's top 20 retailers, with annual reveoue of about 17 billion dollars. Mr. Lew, 49, who have been leading the had been chairman since (Bloomberg, AFP)

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 Microsoft Japan Co., a unit of the U.S. software company, expects to sell 5 million units of Windows 95 in the first year of its release in Jepan. The Japanese version of the new operating system will be released Nov. 24.

 India's benchmark stock index, the Sensitive Index, fell nearly l percent, with the market's leading issue, Reliance Industries Ltd., down nearly 2 percent on concern that 1 million fake or duplicate certificates of the company's stock may be circu-

• The Philippines' budget surplus grew 15 percent, to 8.6 hillion pesos (\$331.9 million), in the first nine months of the year helped by spending cuts.

 Philippine Airlines Inc. expects to lose around 2 billion pesos in reveoue every year with the entry of U.S. competition.

 Seven Network Ltd. said it owned 48.54 percept of Sunshine Broadcasting Network Ltd., after buying 14.2 million shares for 109.9 million Australian dollars (\$82.6 million)

 An ABB Asea Brown Boveri Ltd. unit will supply equipment to a power plant in Vietnam, Bloomberg, Reuters, AFP, AFX

China Sells First Stake In Car Firm

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches SHANGHAI - Isuzu Motors Corp. and Itochu Corp. of

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Japan won clearance to buy a 25 percent stake in a Chinese outomaker, Beijing Light Bus Co., the company said Thursday, in the first such deal since China revived stock markets in 1990.

A statement from the Chinese Aeronautics Administration. sights or gamble at Macao's holders.

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Dividend Announcement

The Putnam Premier Income Protection Trust Portfolio A will pay on October 27, 1995 a dividend of USD 0.05 per unit to all the registered unitholders. Shares will be traded ex-dividend date as from October 20, 1995.

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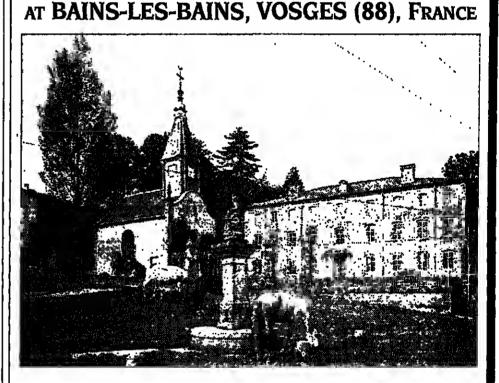
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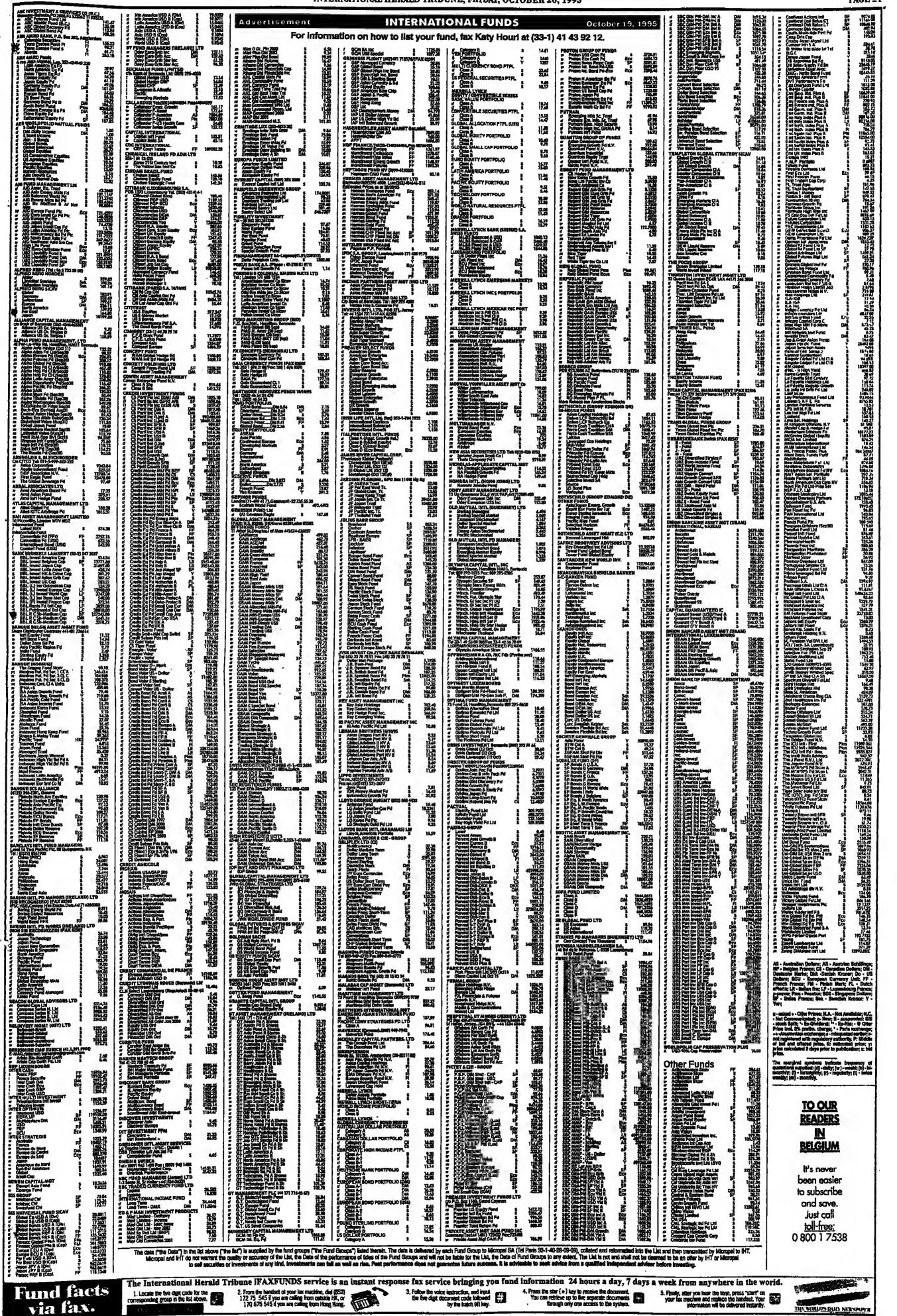
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Series Pitching Is Game's Finest

By Murray Chass New York Times Service

Series, which begins Saturday apiece. oight, should provide an ioteresting contest between two talented pitching staffs, the best in

each league.
Bobby Cox, the Braves' manager, has named his starters amassing a majer-league-high for the first three games: Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine and first season as a closer, Mark John Smeltz.

Mike Hargrove, the Indians' manager, hasn't said, but he most likely will use Orel Hershiser, Charles Nagy and Dennis Martinez, who allowed the Mariners only four hits in seven innings in the Indians' clinching 4-0 victory Tuesday night in

Both rotations are so deep that each manager can go to a strong fourth starter, Steve Avery for the Braves and Ken Hill for the Indians. Each pitched the bulk of s shutout in the fourth game of their respective championship series last Sat-

Avery pitched six innings for the Braves as they completed

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their four-game sweep of the Reds, and Hill pitched seven innings as the Indians evened NEW YORK - The World their series at two games

Both teams also have strong relief corps headed by closers whe established themselves in those roles this season.

Jose Mesa was brilliant in Wohlers, who took over as the primary closer six weeks into the season, registered 25 saves as he finally rewarded the Braves for their patience by excelling in the job they saved for

"It should be a very exciting series," said Randy Johnsoo, the Mariners' ace, who knows something about pitching.

Johnson, whose heroic cf-

forts the first 17 days of October will go down in baseball's Cleveland will do against a postseason lore, was disap-pointed that the Mariners won't be going to Atlanta but said. "I'm really looking forward to seeing the World Series and

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Greg Maddux, who will start Game 1 Saturday for Atlanta, with the pitching coach Leo Mazzone at a Braves practice.

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of the pitching matchup is that the Indians' starters, for the most part, are National seeing the Indians play in it League expatriates. Only Nagy because I want to see what they is a pure American Leaguer.

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GOLDEN STATE-Signed Jerome Kerne

TRANSITIONS

Another factor in the Series ignated hitter in Atlanta. Designated hitters are unwelcome in National League cities, so Hargrove will have to decide in National League cities, so Hargrove will have to decide what to do with Eddie Murray, points, 323 to 235, but in 113 his good-hitting DH.

Hargrove could simply use Murray as n pinch-hitter, meaning that he would bat once a runs, 79 to 82.

game at most, or be could send his immobile body out to play first base in place of Paul Sorreoto.

fewer times at bat Sorrento hit four more home runs, 25 to 21,

A Jet-Lag Factor In Baseball Stats?

By Gina Kolata New York Times Service

NEW YORK -- Oh, the travails of travel -- and the seductive appeal of baseball statistics. Jetting across time zones can bring on headache, insommia, fatigue and a feeling of fuzzy-headedness. Baseball statistics have been known to cause the same symptoms, but no fan is able to resist them.

A University of Massachusetts neurologist and two collegues are the latest to success to the numbers game.

leagues are the latest to succumb to the numbers game. reporting that for major-league baseball players, jet lag may mean the difference between winning and losing a game and possibly, between winning and losing a division race.

Using records for the last three complete baseball seasons.

Dr. Lawrence D. Recht and Dr. William J. Schwartz of the University of Massachusetts Medical School and Dr. Polyert

University of Massachusetts Medical School, and Dr. Robert A. Lew of the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston concluded that West Coast teams that had just traveled to the East Coast gave up at least one additional run in each game

they played.

Their conclusions were published in a letter in Thursday's issue of Nature, a British science journal.

Schwartz said in an interview that the study is "certainly a very preliminary look." But, he and his colleagues reported, "in 1991 and 1993, the National League Western Divisionaces were lost by West Coast teams to their eastern rivals by only one pame."

only one game. The study of baseball records began "as a lark," Recht said. At lunch one day, Schwartz was telling Recht about the lack of good data showing jet lag's effects. Recht, an avid baseball fan, proclaimed that baseball records might be a treasure trove of information.

They looked at performance when West Coast teams traveled east, because sleep researchers have found that eastward travel is more difficult to adjust to than westward travel. Going east requires people to go to bed earlier and awaken earlier than normal, and the body's natural inclination is to have its internal clock drift toward a longer day.

clination is to have its internal clock drift toward a longer day, not a shorter one.

Using baseball statistics to look fer a jet-lag effect is "a cute idea," said Dr. Gary S. Richardson, director of the sleep disorders service at the Brigham and Women's Hospital. And, he added, "It constitutes the first statistical evidence." that jet lag directly alters athletic performances.

But Dr. Carl Morris, head of the statistics department at Harvard University, cautioned that the researchers did not analyze enough data for him to have confidence in their conclusions. "I would want to see more evidence," he said.

Morris is puzzled, for example, by the fact that the in-Morris is puzzled, for example, by the fact that the investigators report that East Coast teams do not seem to do worse when they travel from the West Coast back home,

Perfect Records Intact As Kings and Flyers Tie

although their own theory says they should.

The Great One met The Next One in a matchup of unbeaten teams. And while Eric Lindros,

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SAN JOSE—Activeted Miles Ruthle, defenseroon, from Injured reserve list, Ass the young superstar of the Philadelphia Flyers, eutscored NHL HIGHLIGHTS Wayne Gretzky, his team

couldn't do the same. The Los Angeles Kings and Philadelphia Flyers skated to a 1-1 tie Wednesday night, continuing with Hartford as the Na-

tional Hockey League's only undefeated teams. Lindros, who tied for the NHL's scoring lead last season,

scored his fourth goal of the 1995-96 season only one minute into the game. The center for the "Doom" line beat Los Angeles goaltender Byron Dafoe with a slap shot. Only 1:10 after Lindros'

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Canucks 5, Mighty Ducks
1: In Anaheim's home opener,
Alexander Megilny increased'
his league-leading goal total to
seven by scoring twice in the
third period for Yancouver,
Kirk McLean, who gave up

15 goals in his previous three games, stopped 34 shots, including 18 in the third period,

Sabres 4, Ollers 1: In Buf-falo, Dominik Hasek made 20 saves, and Derek Plante and Jason Dawe each scored for the first time this season.

Edmonton, which beat Stanley Cup champion New Jersey a night earlier for its first victory of the season, scored only on a power-play goal by Zdeno Ciger on nine power-play op-

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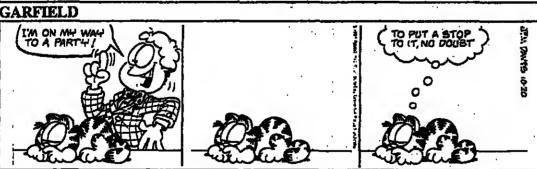
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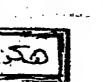
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British Miss Point Of NBA Circus

Bear Mascots, Referees On Stilts Can't Fill Arena

By Ian Thomsen

LONDON — Europe may have already fallen for basketball, but, as many Tories will tell you, Britain is not Europe. The British have taken on a lot of American habits, good and bad, but they draw the line at basketball. The big European events receive little media coverage here because it is believed that askerball is, essentially, too easy; with goals dealt back and forth like cards from a deck. On the other side of the

ocean. World Cup or not, Americans scoff at the idea of soccer games with no scoring at

The two sides had agreed to ignore each other's games until ignore each other's games until into account the hidden recently. On Thursday the Mc-strengths of clubs such as Donald's Championship ---sponsored by the hamburger arrived with six leading bas- NBA candidate after next seaketball clubs from around the son - and Perth, whose 19world for three days in which the Americans are expected to dominate everything. The British majority who be-

lieve staunchly in the less-is- working themselves into shape more of soccer will probably and might not feel like playing grow used to fast breaks and alley-oops just like they got and Israelis are surely eager, used to Big Macs, car phones, call-waiting and multi-channel ures with children here, and the companies and trendy international restaurant franchises.

The sixth of these NBA-affiliated tournaments began seemed louder what with the Thursday at the newly-renovated London Arena with Buckler Bologna, Italian champions for the last three years, playing against Maccabi Tel Aviv, winner of 35 Israeli championships in 41 years, and new employer of former NBA all-star Tom Chambers. The late game was matching defending European champion Real Madrid (albeit without Arvydas Sabonis, who has defected to the Portland Trail Blazers) against host club Sheffield Sharks, champion in officials are needed. its debut in the British league

minimum salary. The two winners will play each other Friday night, fol-lowed by the Perth Wildcats. winners of the Australian title just last Sunday, against the Houston Rockets, the first NBA champion to appear in this tour-nament. Thus this McDonald's and Chicago's Luc Longley. billed as the first world cham-pionship for clubs. The Rockets Mathis said. "One of the marks are expected to survive the absence of center Hakeem Olajuwon, who became the NBA's dominant player during Michael Jordan's short retirement. He is recovering from elbow surgery, but the Rockets still bring an international star in former Dream Teamer Clyde Drexler.

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NBA teams are undefeated in this tournament, which began with three teams in 1987 although the New York Knicks and the Los Angeles Lakers with Magic Johnson both came close to humiliating losses. The feeling now, after the dominance of the USA "Dream Teams" and damage to the former-Soviet Union and Yugoslavian player factories, is that the NBA team will be untouchable. The European leagues rarely have the money to contest with the NBA for players — Arijan Komazec of Bologna is an exception - and the NBA is more sophisticated in recruiting foreign players without frighten-

But these factors don't take Bologna — whose 25 year old forward, Komazec, is a likely year-old guard, Aaron Trahair, led Australia to runner-up in the world junior championships last summer. The Rockets are here; but the Italians, Spaniards and the Australians ought to be at their peak, wherever that is.

cable television. The National
Basketball Association's cartoonish stars — Michael Jorover Maccabi Tel Aviv. Chamdan. Shaquille O'Neal and so bers was making his debut forth - are more than cult fig- he hasn't been to Tel Aviv yet - and was outplayed in a peryoung British Basketball sonal duel with Orlando Wool-League is being run by the same ridge, the only player to fulfill kinds of people who run music the crowd's above-the-rim expectations.

The 10,500-seat arena was little more than half-full, but it persistent music, the bear mascot swinging from the rafters, trampoline dunking, refs on stilts the stuff that makes all of the difference for the NBA overseas. A larger crowd is expected to see the Rockets Friday night.

■ Fight May Help Refs Mike Mathis, lead negotiator

for the NBA's locked-out referees, hopes that a fracas during an exhibition game this week will spotlight how much regular

last season; its payroll of been locked out since Oct. 1. £100.000 is less than the NBA. The league has hired replacements, mostly from the Con-tinental Basketball Association, for exhibition games.

Mathis said the replacements

of a veteran referce is sensing problems and getting to them before they escalate."

Webber and Longley were each suspended for one regularseason game and fined \$7,500 apiece. Bullets rookie Rasheed Wallace was fined \$5,000 for his role in the altercation.



Ian Woosnam couldn't save Wales from losing to Zimbabwe at St. Andrews on Thursday.

Irish Stun Top-Seed U.S. In Dunhill Golf Opening

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland (Reuters) — The top-seeded United States lost 3-0 to Ireland in a stunning start to the Alfred Dunbill Cup golf tournament

on Thursday. Lee Janzen drove out of bounds at the last hole on St. Andrews's Old Course to lose 71-73 to Darren Clarke and the U.S. Masters champion Ben Crenshaw suffered a 70-71 loss to Ropan Rafferty to ensure a fourth American defeat by Ireland in five meetings in the

Peter Jacobsen failed to salvage a point for the Americans as he succumbed 72-73 when the Irish Ryder Cup hero Philip Walton birdied the final hole.

The U.S. trio must now win their ties against Canada, the titleholder, and Sweden to have a chance of winning their roundrobin group and advancing to the semifinals on Sunday.

Sweden beat eighth-seeded Canada 3-0 in the other tie in the section known as the "group of death" because it contains four countries that have won the title six times.

Despite Greg Norman's loss to José Coceres, second-seeded Anstralia escaped the fate that befell the Americans when Craig Parry birdied the "Road Hole" 17th to beat Vicente Fer-17th to beat Vicente Fernandez and give his team a 2-1

Emie Els had to go to the last green before he wrapping up a 2-victory for fifth-seeded South Africa over a German team playing without Bernhard Langer. Scotland, seeded fourth, whitewashed Taiwan 3-0 in the

same group while in group three third-seeded Zimbabwe blanked Wales and sixth-seeded New Zealand beat Japan, 2-1. Janzen, second on the U.S. money list and a surprise ex-clusion from the American Ry-

der Cup team, was shaken by his last tee shot, which finished on the road beside the hole. "I would like to give you one of the top 10 excuses why I hit it out of bounds but you don't have any excuse if you hit it out of bounds at the 18th at St.

There is ample room on the left side of that fairway. "But I was trying to hit it right and draw it back," he said. "I didn't hit a poor shot all day until then."

Andrews," he said.

Rafferty beat Crenshaw thanks to a 45-foot birdie putt at the 17th.

'It was the most perfect putt you ever saw — right in the middle of the hole, "Crenshaw said graciously. "These three fellows are fine players." The Canadians Dave Barr,

Ray Stewart and Rick Gibson

In the same group, seventh- have a cumulative world rank-seeded England fell 2-1 to ing placing them 15th out of the ing placing them 15th out of the 16 teams here but were seeded eighth because of their title success last year. They upset the

United States in the final.
Stewart, ranked 550th in the world, fell 72-73 to Jarmo Sandelin.

Barr shot a 77 to lose by seven to Jesper Parnevik while Gibson, after a 71 comprising 17 pars and one birdie, lost by two to the Ryder Cup player Per-Ulrik Johansson.

This is like last year when we also lost to Sweden in our first match." Barr said. "So it can still be done. But we have to

play better. Norman, the world's No. 1 player, was out of sorts against Coceres, losing 72-75.

Parry beat Fernandez in the decider, leveling with a birdie at the 14th and then following Fernandez on to the 17th green with his approach and holing from 18 feet. The Argentine then missed from 12 feet.

In the South Africa-Germany match, Retief Goosen beat Heinz Peter Thul by two when the German double-bogeyed the 17th, then Sven Struever beat David Frost by a stroke. That left it to Els, the World Match Play champion, who bogeyed the 17th to lead by just one playing the last match against Alexander Cejka. He

SIDELINES

Regional Inquiry of Graf Begins

STUTTGART (AFP) - A regional parliamentary inquiry, which could force the tennis star Steffi Graf to fully disclose her

financial affairs, opened Thursday.

The 11-member commission will investigate allegations that local tax inspectors colluded with Graf, whose father, Peter Graf, accused of tax evasion.

The commission has until the end of February to complete its inquiries before local elections in March. Graf is alleged to have paid only 10 million Deutsche marks (\$7 million) on earnings of 180 million DM since turning professional in 1982.

Steinbrenner Wants Showalter Back

NEW YORK (AP) - After much speculation surrounding

Davey Johnson and Tony La Russa as candidates for manager of

the New York Yankees, the team's owner, George Steinbrenner, has said he wants Buck Showalter to return. The New York Post reported Thursday that Steinbrenner, for The NBA's 54 referees have made public his wish to retain Showalter.

the first time since the Yankees were eliminated from the playoffs,

2d Diagnosis Sought for Nets' Star

NEW YORK (NYT) — The agent representing the National Basketball Association star Detrick Coleman said he might seek a second opinion to confirm the Coleman said treatment surgest in the 87th minute.

are not as experienced and that rounding the Nets forward's irregular heartbeat.

In the other Group D match, leads to problems such as Tuesday night's fight between Washington's Chris Webber who diagnosed the irregular beat when Coleman, 28, the Nets to get the names and then speak with the Boston heart specialists who diagnosed the irregular beat when Coleman, 28, the Nets to get the names and then speak with the Boston heart trick in a 6-1 km victory over the Nets to get the names and then speak with the Boston heart trick in a 6-1 km victory over the Nets forward's irregular heartbeat.

In the other Group D match, Real Madrid's 18-year-old star the Nets to get the names and then speak with the Boston heart trick in a 6-1 km victory over the Nets forward's irregular heartbeat. was examined last week.

Coleman, who is expected to miss at least four weeks of action, has been put on medication and will be evaluated after two weeks. The irregular heartbeat was first discovered during a team physical before the start of training camp Oct. 6.

Correction

A report in Thursday's editions incorrectly identified the team that the Cleveland Indians played in their last World Series appearance, in 1954. The Indians lost the Series to the New York

Europe's Soccer Elite Take Control

LONDON --- Defending European champions Ajax, Italy's Juventus and Moscow Spartak all won comfortably in the

Champions' League to keep their records perfect halfway through the group stage of En-rope's most prestigious soccer Ajax won 3-0 in Amsterdam

against Grasshopper of Zurich. Inventus beat Glasgow Rangers 4-1 in Turia and Spartak Moscow rallied from two goals down to win 4-2 away against the Norwegian champions, Rosenborg. Patrick Kluivert scored twice

for Ajax, which leads Group D with three victories and a maximum of nine points.

Ferencearos, the Hungarian champions. Raul scored twice in a minute to start the rout and added another near the end. Chilean Ivan Zamorano scored twice and Fernando Hierro added the other.

In Group C, Juventus scored three goals in eight minutes during the first half and added another in the second half to crush Rangers.

Juventus went ahead in the 15th minute when a free kick by Fabrizio Ravanelli deflected into the net off Scottish defender Craig Moore. Midfielder Antonio Conte made it 2-0 two minutes later, from a cross by Ravanelli, and Alessandro Del Piero, the beir to Roberto Baggio, added a third with a characteristic flighted shot in the 23d

Rangers, who started without their injured playmaker Paul Gascoigne, finished with 10 men after Alex Cleland was

sent off for violent play in the 55th minute. Ravanelli put Juventus 4-0 ahead in the 74th minute before an own goal by defender Ciro Ferrara, who diverted a powerful shot by Richard Gough, gave Rangers their goal in the 78th minute. Borussia Dortmund climbed

into second in Group C with its first Champions' League victory, beating Steama Bucharest 1-0 on a 58th-minute goal by 9-year-old Lars Ricken. In Group B, Spartak conced-

ed two goals in the first half to in Trondheim but roused themselves to score four times in the last 31 minute

Karl-Petter Loken scored for Rosenborg in the 2d minute and Harald Brattbakk made it 2-0

then set up goals for the sub-stitute Valeri Ketchinov in the 74th and 81st minutes. Also in Group B, Jerzy Pod-

victory and continue the humiliation for Blackburn Rovers, English Premier League champions, in European competitions. Panathanaikos sprung the surprise of the night in Porto. The Greek champions, reduced to 10 men after 35 minutes, beat

FC Porto 1-0. Panathanaikos leads Group A and has a game in hand, against bottom club Aalborg, next week. Alexandros Alexandis

sent off for faking a dive in the Porto penalty area but six minutes later Dimitrios Markos drib-

In Nantes, the home team beat Danish stand-ins Aalborg 3-1. Aalborg has lost both its game since replacing Dynamo brozny's 25th minute goal was enough to give Legia Warsaw Kiev, which was tossed out of the tournament on charges of trying to bribe a referee.

Nicolas Ouédec, recently returned from injury, gave Nantes the lead after five minutes. Jan Pedersen tied the match for Aalborg just after halftime, but Names regained the advantage with a goal by Reynald Pedros after good work by Japhet N'Doram and Ouédec. Ouédec also set up the last goal for

■ Dynamo Moscow Wins In the Cup Winners' Cup on

2d Title in Sight for Schumacher

AIDA, Japan — Michael Schumacher is corners, places a premium on technique. only one fourth-place finish away from his Schumacher wasn't commenting on second consecutive Formula One championship as he heads into two Grand Prix races in Japan — a low-speed technical contest on Sunday followed by a high-speed test the next weekend.

With seven victories this season and 82 points, the 26-year-old Benetton-Renault driver has a perhaps insurmountable 27-point lead over his archrival, Damon Hill, 35.

Hill, who has won three races in his Williams-Renault, can overtake the German only by winning all three of the season's remaining races, and then only if Schumacher gets no more than two points - the equivalent of two sixth-place finishes.

three, two and one awarded for the next engines spattered the curves with oil.

Hill says he has not given up hope, and the unexpected could happen in Sunday's Pacific Grand Prix on the 2.314-mile (4-kilometer) T
Grand Prix, which Hill won last year, is to be run one week later at the relatively high-speed Suzuka Circuit.

I circuit. The short track, with several tight

Schumacher wasn't commenting on the

race Thursday, opting instead to play soccer with his teammates on a small lot outside a building housing racing team offices. Japan ended up with two F-1 races in a row this year after the Pacific Grand Prix, orig-

inally scheduled for April, was postponed to this week because the Jan. 17 Kobe earthquake damaged local transportation systems. The T-I circuit on which the 83-lap race is being run has been the site of motorcycle and car races since 1991 and received F-1 sanction

last year. The only shorter F-1 racetrack is the 2.08-mile Monaco circuit.

In the inaugural Pacific Grand Prix last year, only 11 of the 26 starters completed the race.

A victory is worth 10 points, with six, four, which became treacherous as spins and blown The season's penultimate race, the Japanese



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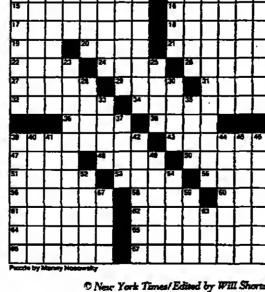
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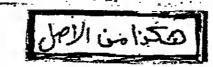
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By Russell Baker

vice to O.J. Simpson. We are different in so many ways. He owns a Ferrari and a Bentley and lice Department often makes me until recently was kept freshly wonder if Buster somehow es-supplied with Ford Broncos by a caped South Baltimore to find large corporation.

Large corporations keep me freshly supplied only with bills. and my single car is a two-yearold Detroit job.

Squiring around the Prince of world's Bentleys, is not my dream of glory. Taking alpine curves at 130 miles per hour, which is the function of the world's Ferraris, is something I pray never to do.

For me, motoring paradise is setting the cruise control at 65 on a lightly traveled Interstate, tucking some music into the CD player and dozing lightly for the next 350 miles.

There are other differences. Simpson has been a top-drawer football player and has heard thousands cheer. My sport was high school track. I was fast enough to qualify as fifth man on the four-man mile relay team. If one of the regulars had shin splints, I took his place.

I am drawing a self-portrait of being mired helplessly in the low-profile life. Simpson's profile seems always to have been high. Recently it has risen to

Mount Rushmore heights.
With the difference between us so vast, it may be silly for me to counsel him. Still, no one in his publicity-drenched squadron of lawyers who ought to be telling him the virtues of the low

profile seems to have done so. My guess is that Simpson, a robust physical specimen, did not have to live with the threat of someone like Buster O'Hara could have been this fall. and his gang when he was a boy. It is possible, I suppose, that young Simpson, in fact,

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was the Buster of his neighborhood.

NEW YORK — It may be liced mine left a trail of black-rice to O.J. Simpson William and the state of the stat bloody noses. Reading about the troubles of the Los Angeles Pohappiness among the smog and freeways.

Buster was best dealt with by keeping a low profile. This might require an occasional admission of cowardice, for some-Wales, which is the task of the times of an evening when stirred by the rising juices of spring Buster's gang might form a cir-cle outside the house and cry for a victim to come that Buster might loosen some teeth.

> Sensible boys hunkered down inside and pretended they weren't there until some annoyed mom or dad came out and threatened to call the cops. Young Simpson probably never had to hunker down. As a result, he seems to have romped through life, with the same foolish insouciance that marked his television romps through air-

> This accounts, I suspect, for bis nutty insistence on grabbing for spotlights ever since the jury freed him of murder charges and set off a national slanging match between the races. Most people probably think Simpson is luckier than a multimilliondollar lottery winner and ought to be quietly contemplating the mysterious and whimsical way in which life doles out its punishments and rewards.

He is so devoted to the high profile that he doesn't have enough sense to quit when he's hehind. Behind he certainly is, though not so far behind as he

Go with lowered profile, Simpson, Hunker down. New York Times Service

Chronically Embarrassed: Alan Bennett's Voices

By Sarah Lyall New York Times Service

"It's not my sort of thing any-

'and I didn't think I'd get one, which

stars of the film, Nigel Hawthome,

to stay home, talks with a rich York-

shire accent, lives in fear of putting

his foot wrong, refuses to wear a bicycle helmet because it makes him

look like "I have a poached egg on

my head" and is the closest thing,

many Britons feel, to a living national

Englishman Abroad"; or for his early

work with Dudley Moore, Peter Cook

and Jonathan Miller in the comedy

review "Beyond The Fringe"; or for his movies, which include "A Private

Function" and "Prick Up Your

Ears"; or for his stage performances

as an actor and monologuist, or even for his radio broadcasts or his series of television plays called "Talking

Increasingly, Bennett is known for his writing, in which he takes on the

role of an acerbically good-natured

observer and commentator, ever gra-

cious, but with a noticeable sting at

"I'm less genial than people think," he said, "but I'm too timid to

the end of his tail.

is quite right."

prefaces to plays — into a single volume, called "Writing Home." ONDON - Alan Bennett, play-Unexpectedly, the book became wright, writer, actor, comedian and chronically embarrassed person, one of the biggest hits of the year, was nominated for an Academy selling an extraordinary 200,000

reer's worth of work - essays, lec-

tures, journal entries, reviews and

Award last year for the screenplay of copies in hard cover. Reviewers "The Madness of King George," but bathed the author in praise. he didn't go to Hollywood, put on They also said Bennett's growing formal dress or even watch the stature as writer, commentator and awards on television. He just went to

wit was making it harder to swallow his self-deprecating pose of always "being second from last in the sack way." Bennett said in an interview, race," as one reviewer put it. But that really is the way he feels

about himself, as if, even at the age of Bennett did wake up several times. 61, he has never outgrown the fear hoping to hear good news, if not about that the other children in the playhimself, then at least about the two ground are laughing at him. In conversation, Bennett laughs nominated for best actor, or Helen

mostly at himself as he slumps in an Mirren, nominated for best actress.
"But nobody rang up," he said.
Shunning the celebrity scene is par Shunning the celebrity scene is par for the course for Bennett, who likes hair that flops in his face, he comes

across as a middle-aged schoolboy.
"Writing Home," which has just been published in the United States by Random House, covers a breadth Bennett experiences: plays, television productions, films, the agonies of stage fright, the joys of rehearsals and encounters with such people as Joan Plowright, Dame Judi Dench, Russell Harty and Dame Maggie It's not just for his plays, which include "The Madness of George III," "Forty Years On" and "An

It also describes Bennett's affectionate relationship with his parents, a butcher and his wife from Leeds, who once came to visit their son in his backstage dressing room and mistakenly thought the man tidying up was Sir John Gielgud.

"Writing Home" opens with an account of how the young Bennett first brushed with literary celebrity when he delivered meat to the woman who became T.S. Eliot's mother-inlaw. Once, he relates, his own mother was introduced to Eliot himself.

"I tried to explain to her the significance of the great poet, but with-out great success," he writes," "The Waste Land' not figuring very largely

ink," he said, "but I'm too timid to in Mam's scheme of things."
"The thing is, I said finally, he Last year, Bennett collected a ca-won the Nobel Prize."

Bennett says he's "less genial than people think."

unerring grasp of messentials which much in the upper case) and my moth-is the prerogative of mothers. 'I'm not er to represent life (very much in the surprised. It was a beautiful over-

This encounter crystallized, Bennett says, the torn allegiances of his

"I see this awkward encounter with Mr. Eliot," he says in "Writing Home," "as a kind of parable, a prefiguring of how, when I did even-nially start to write, it should be in two different voices, metropolitan ('speaking properly') and provincial ('heing yourself'), and that if one takes T.S. Eliot to represent Art, Cul-

'Well,' she said, with that ture and Literature (all of them very er to represent life (very much in the lower case), then what happened at the end of Shire Oak Street that morning nearly 40 years ago went on hap-pening when I started to write plays

and is still happening." In his diaries, 10 years' worth of which are reprinted in "Writing Home," Bennett takes care not to reveal too much about himself.

He is opposed, he said, to diarists who indulge in long and tedious analvses of their inner selves.

There are certain things I'd want to get across, but not necessarily nett finds extremely funny.

about me," he said. "I'd want to get across the fact that one finds life sad

and funny by turns.

The book includes the piece of work for which Bennett is probably best known here. The Lady in the Van," an account of the 17 years that an eccentric, elderly vagrant named Miss Shepherd lived in her van in the garden of Bennett's town house in

Miss Shepherd died in 1989, after years in which Bennett argued with her about politics, provided her with electricity and helped her gather signatures when she decided to run for

Parliament. Bennett has been trying for some time to write a play about Miss Shepherd, but he has been thwarted by familiar impediments: embarrassment and fear of self-revelation.

'It has to be more intimate, more personal than anything I've done so far," he said.

He added, "The problem with it is not her story, which is relatively easy to tell. The problem is that it has to mesh with my story and it may have to do with my mother, who was deteriorizing at the same time as Miss Shepherd." (Mrs. Bennett died in April after a long illness, at the age of

91.)
"Writing Home" has made Bennett's slouching frame, which is pictured on the outside of the British edition, very familiar here. And its author is learning the price of being a recognizable public figure. Recently. be was sitting in his car in Yorkshire when a woman began waving excitedly at him.

"I thought, 'I've been recognized," "he said.

"She came up to the car and opened the door, which I thought was a bit strong, and I still kept a big smile

Then she actually got into the car and closed the door. But I thought. 'You know, she's a fan,' and I was still smiling accommodatingly. And then she looked at me and said: 'Bloody hell. I'm in the wrong

This is the type of thing that Ben-

WEATHER

Forecast for Saturday through Monday, as provided by Accu-Weather, North America Europe Rain will deench Boston and New York City Saturday. Chilly winds will sweap arough Chicago and Toronto accompanied by a few showers. Toronto might even have fluries on Sunday. The heavy rains in Flonds will abate. The West Cosst will have an alrey day weather.

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London will be mild Saturday. Powerful Typhoon Ward easy Sunday and Monday. Japan and pass to the easy to Paris, Amsterdem, Hamburg and Copenhagen. Sould will have a forest will be dry and warm, Sould will have a ren Sunday or Monday. Hong Kong a Singapore will have a instruction of the comment of the country. Totally winds will sweep from Scendingwis to Moscow.

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THE U.S. ambassador to France, Pamela Harriman, has turned the tables on heirs of her lare busband, W. Averell Harriman, by seeking to recover \$5 million she alleges they owe to his estate. In papers filed in a Virginia court, she countersued some of her late husband's beirs, who have alleged in lawsuits that she lost as much as \$41 million of the Harriman fortune through bad investments and self-dealing. Harriman asserted that several of Averell Harriman's grandchildren "are in default on almost \$2 million" in loans and interest - money that her late husband lent to them. Iolanda Quinn, the wife of Anthony

Quinn, is back in a New York divorce court battling over possession of a seven-bedroom New York apartment. She wants the 80partment they once shared during 30 years Pamela Harriman counterattacks.

Bernard Tapie's free fall continues. The bankrupt businessman has been dropped from the latest French edition of Who's Who?" because the publication Turner and the skating champioo Elaine drew Parker-Bowles, and their son Tom.

PEOPLE



says, he is "no looger active." He is among 887 names dropped.

Carol Alt, Donald Trump, Kathleen

two hours later. The guests included Camilla's former husband, Brigadier An-

Zayak are part of the lineup for next month's skating DISHES benefit to raise money for organizations that care for children with AIDS. Trump and wife, Marla Maples, are honorary co-chairs for the New York event.

President Jacques Chirac's unmarried daughter Claude, 32, who is also one of his closest aides, is pregnant, Paris Match reports. The story does not quote her nor does it say who the father might be. A spokesman at the Elysée Palace would only say "It's a private matter."

Prince Charles appeared in public with his close friend, Camilla Parker-Bowles, for the first time since he admitted last year Diana, the British press reported. The two were seen at a private reception at the Ritz Hotel in London given by a mutual friend. Lady Sarah Keswick. Camilla, looking relaxed, arrived first followed by the prince

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